

THE DESCENDANTS OF

ABEL EDWARDS

AND

POLLY POTTS

VOLUME 1

"MY DIRECT LINE"

Dedicated to the Living Memory of

Mary Edwards Little

It is because of her work towards trying to understand her history, and document what she had learned through out her life about her family that this book was ever able to be written.



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I. INTRODUCTION

I have always been very proud of our Edwards Surname.

From the begining of my family history research six years ago I came to the realization of how much our Edwards family has seen and participated in through out our long documented Edwards historical line of over two centuries.

Our family has seen many things through out our history.

The earliest substantial involvment with American history in relation to our Edwards line was living during the Revolutionary War.

Abel Edwards, our progenitor of the Edwards family was for sure concerned with the British empire's involvement with the over taxation of the land and importation of necessary goods from Britian and other countries to the soon to be American Colonies. This was directly pertaining to the life blood of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts and their children.

The reader must realize that the average family living in pre-colonial America was being pulled from their devotion to the King of Britian and the growing new found freedom of the Pre-American colonies.

When the rumors of Revolution became apparent we can imagine how pulled Abel Edwards and Polly Potts fealt, they had their reverance towards the thrown of England and the possibility of complete freedom of will to do what they fealt was best for their family, and not for the British Empire and the King of England.

In the beginning the families that had come from England and allied contries in Europe to the Pre-American Colonies came to support the King of England and the throne which was sat upon. This meant in their minds working their lands for Britian, for the better good of the King, and their country of England. From the start they were happy working the lands for England, the ever increasing freedom which was never fealt before was becoming increasingly more appealing to the ever encreasing population of the English Colonies.

It hasn't been proven at this time wether Abel Edwards, husband to Polly Potts fought in the American

Revolution. If he did or didn't isn't really the point at this time, what is important is that the reader realize the sacrifices Abel Edwards and Polly Potts went through during this important time in history.

The Edwards family have also seen many conflicts such as the Indian persecution that occurred during Tennessee's early years which made way for migrating families from the east in the late 1700's, and early wars such as the War of 1812, and of course the Civil War which split families because of their differing views of how America should be run.

The average person can't say that our ancestors were just farmers, they sacrificed too much to be just farmers, they paved the way for all of us today.

This is the first in a series of volumes that I have decided to write concerning the descendants of all my direct line ancestors.

At first I was working on my second book titled by the same name as this volume, "The Descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts". I never could come to a stand still in finding and compiling related families, and their family histories. In a six month period I average in finding at least one family of descendants that I didn't know existed, with all of the new families being found caused me to fall behind in my book. I also decided that the book would be incomplete without a complete account of descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts, therefore I decided to put together my second book in a series of volumes starting with my first volume covering the known history of Abel Edwards, probable migrational routes of our Edwards families, and other related histories. Lastly in this volume I will be adding my direct Edwards ancestral lines, their history and pictures.

I will be publishing the second volume starting with the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts first child John Edwards born 1772. I will include all known histories and information concerning this family and descendants. The second volume will also include any additions to the first volume that were not known at the time of its publishing.

The volumes will continue until all of the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts are documented. After the last volume of the series is published, which will be the descendants of the last child born to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts, Arthur Edwards born 1786, I will then continue adding volumes to the series as information comes in, or corrections

to the previous volumes are needed.

With in each new volume will be any inclusions which were not documented in the previous volumes. This could be anything to a date of birth correction, or a large or small history that was submitted by a mutual Edwards descendant.

I feel that this is a fair and complete way of documenting the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. This way there will always be additional volumes added when warranted.

I will be sending each new volume to the noted libraries below which is where the different Edwards families eventually migrated: Franklin County Virginia Library, Blountville Sullivan County Tennessee Library, Jonesboro Washington County Tennessee Library, Mars Hill College Mars Hill North Carolina, Edgar County Illinois Library, Bloomfield, Davis County Iowa Library, Appanoose County Iowa Genealogical Society, Canon City Library Canon City Colorado, Woodburn Library Woodburn Oregon.

JOHNNY J. EDWARDS
5TH GREAT GRANDSON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS.

II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It was a difficult thing for me to do to sit here and give credit to all of the people who have helped me at different times in my research, I must tell you there were many.

There is one thing that has pleased me the most, and this is how helpful people in county libraries have been to me and my research. In most cases these people have worked very hard to find out things that I asked for. Sometimes their research ended up being overwhelming and usually they sent their information to me with no charge.

The following libraries deserve mention:

1. Davis co. Library, Bloomfield Iowa
2. Sullivan co. Library, Blountville Tennessee
3. Edgar co. Illinois, Genealogical Library
4. Henry County, Bassett Library, Bassett Virginia

Our distant cousins out there have also been very helpful. In so many cases I have been given the opportunity to combine their hard found research to what I have compiled, and in the end many of the submissions have helped me in my research by opening different avenues which were not there before.

The following individuals are distant cousins to you the reader and myself, and we should all be very grateful for the great effort each one put into their research, and lastly to the overall research of the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts:

1. Polly and John Spring. Polly and John were one of the very first cousins which I had the honor of meeting. Polly shared many stories concerning my great grandfather and his children.

Thank you Polly and John for inviting me to your home and sharing all which you have shared

2. John and Rae Reeder. John Rae helped me jump from one generation to another because of their gracious submission of family information.

Thank you John and Rae Reeder.

3. Ruth Avery. I have known Ruth the longest out of all of the distant cousins that I have met in the past 4 years. Ruth and I share the same direct ancestors, as a matter of fact Ruth and her family are the only related cousin's that I know of at this time descended from my direct ancestor Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. Ruth has been such a helpful person to me and my research. She had the trust to share with me very old letters, some of which were 130 years old. She had also shared with me the {2}"PHILANDER REEDER DIARIES", which shed much light on our portion of the Edwards Family.

Because Ruth is an accomplished historian she expertly shared many stories concerning her direct ancestors to me which I have included into these series of volumes. Again she was trusting enough to send them to me to read and copy. I again will say that I so much appreciate her being so trusting and kind.

Thank you Ruth.

4. Dorothy Hukill. Dorothy shared the 20 year old book called, {1}"A Record of Ramsey and Edwards families". Part of this book documented the descendants of Arthur Edwards and Freelove Clouse. Arthur being the youngest son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

There were hundreds of related family members mentioned in this book. To date there are more descendants of Arthur Edwards than any other child of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

5. Karl Seitz. Karl was very gracious in sharing his information on his direct ancestor Owen Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. Karl helped me in many different ways, one of which we exchanged some of our ideas about Edwards history and I was lucky to have his help.

6. Kathleen Wilham. Kathleen which set me on my way early in my research by sharing the negatives of the {3}"EDWARDS BIBLE". This was the first big jump in Edwards research and I would not have gotten as far as I have without the copies.

Thank you Kathleen Wilham.

Lastly I would like to thank two individuals which helped me with my research on my direct ancestors.

When I was on my genealogical trip to Davis Co. Iowa in April of 1995 I was trying to find the home of my great grandfather James Philando Edwards and {refer to pg. 95} all I had to go on was a hundred year old

photograph. My wife Colleen noticed a home while we were driving all over Davis County Iowa, and it ended up being the remodeled home of my great grandfathers. Thank you Paul and Stacie Howk who were kind to us and invited my family and myself into their home on a very early Easter Sunday morning.

While doing research on my 4th great grandfather Joshua Edwards I found out that he was a pastor of a Baptist church in Sullivan co. Tennessee. I ended up finding out that the {4}"HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD CHURCH MINUTES" were still in good condition. Raymond White who is the deacon of the church had the minutes in his possession. While on my genealogical trip to Sullivan co. Tennessee he left the very old minutes with the current pastor of the church, Mr. Cruz. Pastor Cruz came to the church on his day off to let me photograph the old church minutes.

Thank you Mr. White and Pastor Cruz, and the Holston Baptist Church for letting me use these minutes in my book.

There are many more individuals who helped me which are not mentioned here and I would like to give them all my personal thank you.

Johnny J. Edwards

5TH GREAT GRANDSON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

III. POSSIBLE MIGRATION ROUTES OF ABEL EDWARDS AND DESCENDANTS

Abel Edwards and his wife Polly Potts first documented location was in Henry County Virginia in 1779 when their son Owen Edwards was born. There is a possibility that Abel Edwards was previously in Loudoun County Virginia in 1771, which there was an Abel Edwards mentioned in a Tithable.

NOTE: Refer to Abel Edwards timeline dated 1771. There is mention of an Abel Edwards marrying a Polly Potts in Loudoun County in 1771. This has always been an assumption and unproven.

There was a span of seven years from the first documentation of Abel Edwards and family in Virginia to when Abel Edwards in 1786 (Virginia) sold his land for what was probably their move to Sullivan County North Carolina.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HENRY/FRANKLIN COUNTY VIRGINIA

Henry County Virginia was formed from Pittsylvania County Virginia in 1776 and was named after Patrick Henry.

The first mention of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts was a mention in a Tax listing of Henry County Virginia which listed an Abel Edwards.

Franklin County Virginia was formed from Henry County Virginia in 1785.

NOTE: The last known mentioning of Abel Edwards was in a deed in 1807 when he sold 160 acres of land in Sullivan County Tennessee to his son in law Littleberry Sams. At this time Abel Edwards was living in Washington County Tennessee.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SULLIVAN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA/TENNESSEE

The Sullivan County that is known today is not the Sullivan County of old.

Sullivan County was derived originally from the North Carolinian County of Washington in the year of 1779, and was known as Sullivan County North Carolina

From the year span of 1784-1788 Sullivan County was in the area of the little known state of Franklin/Frankland. Our Edwards Ancestors purchased land in this area of the state of Franklin and most likely they were a part of the limited history of this state.

In 1796 Sullivan County North Carolina became Sullivan County of the volunteer state of Tennessee.

It is difficult to find the original land of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. All that is known of the original land is that it was located north of the Holston River in Sullivan County.

Around 1836 the county of Sullivan was divided into districts of which there were many Edwards related families living in the district of #3 which lay north and south of the Holston River. In this area is where it is believed the land of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts is today.{refer to pg.173}

The children of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts started migrating to other states between 1840 and 1850 when new opportunities for land came available.

All together there were seven known children that were born to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. By using the 1850 census we can find four out of the seven children, or their descendants.

John Edwards was born in 1772 and can be found in Logan County Illinois in 1850 with wife Lucinda Sams. Enumerated with them is their daughter (Polly) Mary Edwards Barnett and her daughter Ora/Alma Barnett.{refer to pg.182}

Thomas Edwards was born in 1774. He can't be found in the 1850 federal census. He more that likely died before 1850. Thomas Edwards descendants can be found migrating to Washington County Tennessee, and Madison County North Carolina.

Nancy Edwards was born in 1777 and married Littleberry Sams and the last mention of this family was in 1838 when Littleberry Sams bought land in Sullivan County Tennessee.

Owen Edwards was born in 1779 and was in Edgar County Illinois in 1850 with wife Martha Sams.{refer to

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
EDGAR COUNTY ILLINOIS

Illinois became a state in 1818 and Edgar County was formed in the year of 1823. There were two children of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts which migrated to Illinois.

Abel Edwards born 1783 came to Edgar County around 1838, and his brother Owen Edwards born in 1779 came to Illinois around the same year as his brother Abel Edwards.

It is probable that the two brothers left Tennessee around the year of 1838 and came to the county of Edgar to settle in the relatively newly established county of Edgar.

Joshua Edwards was born in 1781 and can be found with family in Sullivan County Tennessee from 1830-1859. Joshua Edwards descendants can be found migrating to Davis County Iowa, Clark County Iowa, and Edgar County Illinois.{refer to pg.175}

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

The first account of related Edwards families coming to the Iowa area was Arthur Edwards(son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts) and many of his children. It is believed through family history that Arthur Edwards came to Iowa, specifically Davis County sometime in 1849. Along with Arthur Edwards and children which can be found in Davis County in {7}1850, Abel Edwards which is the son of Joshua Edwards, brother to the above mentioned Arthur Edwards.

The early Edwards families which came to Iowa cleared the path for the families which later followed their footsteps and came to Iowa and farther west. With out these early pioneers from Tennessee it is probable that our families would have either stayed in or around Tennessee.

It is believed that Arthur Edwards and his family possibly {1}traveled by way of a flatboat from Hancock and Clairborne Counties Tennessee. They most likely drifted down this stream in to the Clinch River and on into the Tennessee River until they reached Paducah,

Kentucky. According to family history it is here that they sold their flatboat and took a steamboat up the Mississippi, to Alexandria, Missouri, near Keokuk, Iowa. From this point they took wagons and drove overland to Drakesville, Iowa in Davis County.

Abel Edwards was born in 1783 and he died in 1846 in Edgar County Illinois.

Arthur Edwards was born in 1786 and he moved his family in the mid 1840's to Davis County Iowa, and then later Arthur Edwards moved with many of his family to Clark County Iowa. Arthur Edwards descendants can also be found migrating to Adair/Davies County Missouri.

After 1840 many people were getting the "itch" to move on and try to seek a better life for their families.

Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son, Joshua Edwards was the only child to stay in Tennessee until his death in 1859. After Joshua Edwards death his son Samuel E. Edwards was the only descendant of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts with the Edwards name to stay in the area of the original homestead of the Edwards in Tennessee.

ROUTE FROM VIRGINIA TO NORTH CAROLINA

Abel Edwards and family moved from Franklin County Virginia to Sullivan County North Carolina after 1786. One might wonder why it took two years for Abel Edwards and family to show themselves in records in Sullivan County North Carolina, soon to be Tennessee.

I hope to shed some light on this subject.

This is where it gets rather difficult to prove their movements. Speculation will have to take over.

There are many different avenues that could have been taken by Abel Edwards.

WATER ROUTE {refer to pg. 173}

There were in those times only two alternatives when traveling, by road or water. Let's talk about traveling by water first because there really is only one possible route.

Abel Edwards could have taken wagon or military roads from Franklin County Virginia to the Holston River at the North Fork in Virginia. There they could

have made the choice to take one of the many Rivers down to any number of available forts in soon to be eastern Tennessee.

There is some documented history which states that between 1780-1790 some families came through a fort by the name of "Shelbys Fort" which was located where present day Bristol Tennessee is now. I don't believe that Abel Edwards went that far north. Every bit of documentation that can be found puts the Edwards family in or around the present day Bluff City Tennessee, or Middletown as it was known by pre-1830. There is also a possibility that Abel Edwards went farther south to Carter County Tennessee near Elizabethton Tennessee, which there is mention of an Abel Edwards in church minutes in Carter County.

ROAD ROUTE {refer to pg.172}

There were many roads that were available at the time when Abel Edwards started his journey.

For the most part the names of these roads have been lost with time. Some of these roads were old military roads, and post roads. Reedy Creek Road or the Great Wagon Road could have been used from Abingdon Virginia to North Carolina. The road would have been traveled west through the Virginia mountains to North Carolina. Abel Edwards again could have stopped at anyone of the many forts that dotted along the above mentioned roads.

There is a road by the name of the "Stage Coach Road" runs straight through to where Blountville Tennessee is now. Abel Edwards could have taken this route and again stayed at one of the forts until settled.

Another possibility of road travel could have been from a road by the name of "Jonesborough Road", this road also comes from the Abingdon Virginia area and travels south through North Carolina(Tennessee) along the Holston Lake until it winds down to Carter County Tennessee. This route could explain the Edwards families being around Middleton/Bluff City Tennessee because the Jonesbourough Road passes right by the area that became known as Middleton/Bluff City Tennessee.

At this time there is no way to know for sure by what means Abel Edwards and family arrived in North Carolina(Tennessee). There isn't any documentation of the people who stayed at the old forts along the Holston River or the Wautuaga River. The same with the

old forts along the post roads and the old wagon roads. Until the time that some records concerning travelers to North Carolina(Tennessee) surfaces we will not know for sure just how Abel Edwards and Polly Potts truly traveled from Virginia.

SPECULATION

I have come to believe that their trip could have gone the following way.

Once Abel Edwards sold his land in Franklin County Virginia he would have needed to stalk up on supplies for his family for this trip to North Carolina, (Tennessee). The largest town around their part of Franklin County Virginia was Abingdon or Rockmount Virginia. They would take a few days to get their supplies together, they possibly stayed in town or camped outside town. They could have waited for a group of families to gather that were going to the same part of the country as they were. Back in this time period it wasn't odd to do this for safety. They might have gone with relatives, or families they didn't know.

Once they received all the necessary items for the trip they would have needed to start their trip by one of the post roads that were available at this time.

Here is where the guessing game starts.

The decision had to be made at this time to either take the roads south through the mountains to present day Sullivan County Tennessee, or travel farther west along the post roads and stop at one of the forts that were located along the Holston River. It could have been any one of the forts along the way, but most likely it was the Long Island Fort. Here they would have to put all of their personal belongings and supplies possibly on a flat boat and ride the river down to one of the forts where Abel Edwards could look into buying land.

The trip took several days. Time has buried the past and we will never know for sure what all transpired during this time in our Edwards History.

Many things could have happened along the way that one might overlook.

It wasn't until the 1830's that the local Cherokee Indians were forced off their land because of the migration from the east. There could have been confrontational incidents that involved the indians.

If they crossed rivers along the way was anyone injured, or did any of the children get sick? We will never know.

What I know for sure is that it was a rough trip for all involved. Abel Edwards had the courage to seek a better life for his family. He gave his descendants a great start on life and I am one descendant that is very grateful.

IV. DIRECT LINE ANCESTORS

My direct ancestors were not bankers, politicians, involved in town or county decisions. They were all just average men who lived an average life, and without them and what they did with their lives I wouldn't be here nor any of my descendants.

Back in the 1800's farming was the normal way of life and it was most usually the chosen profession, and as with my ancestors this was their profession for most of their adult lives. With this Edwards line it can be found that religion, specifically baptist was a mainstay and in some cases family members became pastors and deacons to the early churches of Tennessee.

AUTHORS NOTE: I will be including with in this chapter all of my notes and collected sources and files for each one of my direct line ancestors. I will add my notes and thoughts to these. I will call this a "TIME LINE".

ABEL EDWARDS

Abel Edwards date and place of birth, death, and marriage as of date of publishing is unproven.

Abel Edwards
married

Polly Potts
(undetermined date)

children

1. John Edwards
2. Thomas Edwards
3. Nancy Edwards
4. Owen Edwards
5. *Joshua Edwards
6. Abel Edwards
7. Arthur Edwards

*This is my fourth great grandfather

The time line Below is all of the known sources of Abel Edwards which I have either compiled or collected through out the years, none of what is stated here is speculation on my part, there might be some on the

submitters part, but what I have included is all of the known sources at this time of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. Also what should be said before I start the first time line is that most of these records were submitted from distant cousins and my reasoning for putting all of these sources down is to show the migration of Abel Edwards and also to show some of the differences with in the family concerning dates and places of birth, marriage, and death. One should also understand that the submitters in most cases have put many hours of work into what they have submitted, again with Abel Edwards there is not much to go on and this is how we start to figure all of this muddled water out. Take all of these records as they say with a grain of salt and with Abel Edwards unfortunately not much can be proven, all we can do is compare records and sources between researchers and try to find the truth.

Within the time line I will be adding notes of thought and/or theory, and with the name of Abel Edwards during the time of 1780-ca.1830's with in our counties of Tennessee one should take note that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts had a son by the name of Abel Edwards who was born in 1783.

One last note. You will notice throughout these time lines there are multiple mentions of a specific dated occurrence, this is because there was more than one source which stated the same event, I did this to show that there was more than one source with the same dated event.

TIME LINE: FOR ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(See chapter 8 for sources)

- 1739:Abel Edwards born
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1743:Abel Edwards born
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1747:Abel Edwards referred to as John Edwards
- 1749:Abel Edwards born, first name used Thomas
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1749:Abel Edwards born, first name used Thomas
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1749:Abel Edwards born
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1749:Abel Edwards born, first name used Thomas
(NOTE:Date unproven)
- 1753:Abel Edwards born
(NOTE:Date unproven)

b-1753ca.:Abel Edwards possibly born in Prince William
Co. Virginia

(NOTE:Date and place unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born in New York

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1755:Abel Edwards born

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1759, October 17:Abel Edwards born, used first name
John

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1764, January 24:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

-1764, January 24:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married
in New York

-1764, January 24:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

-1764, January 24:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

(NOTE:The date of January 24, 1764 is substantiated by
the {refer to pg. 129}Edwards Bible which is the most
powerful research tool we have for our branch of the
Edwards family. This date is a documented date given
in the Edwards Bible and I consider it the only date to
stand on for the marriage of Abel Edwards and Polly
Potts. There are problems also:

Problem #1-The first child born to Abel Edwards and
Polly Potts was John born in 1772. I question the fact
that Abel and Polly waited 8 years to have a child
after their marriage in 1764.

THEORY-I believe there is a possibility that Abel
Edwards and Polly Potts were married later than 1764
because of the span of them with no children. It is
possible that they did have children early in life and
they died because of a child disease or some other
illness, this would explain the date of marriage of
1764, but with out that plausible situation considered
I question the date of marriage and I consider the
possibility that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts were
married later than January 24, 1764.

-1771:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married Loudon
County Virginia

(NOTE: Date and location unproven)

(NOTE: This date came about because of an Abel Edwards mentioned in 1771 tithtable, Loudon County, Virginia.

-1771:Abel Edwards mentioned in tithable, Loudon County Virginia

-1775:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married, John used instead of Abel

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1775:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1777:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1777:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married, Thomas used instead of Abel

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1777, September 19:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1777, September 19:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

(NOTE:Date unproven)

-1779:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts married

-1779:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list of Henry Co. Virginia

-1779:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son Owen born in Henry County Virginia

-1780, February 20:Abel Edwards mentioned in list of taxes for service of the united states

-1780, March:Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed, Sullivan Co. North Carolina/Tennessee.{refer to pg.61}

(NOTE 1:This would be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

(NOTE 2:This is a problem and curiosity to our Edwards research. A problem because of the deed dated 1780 in Sullivan County North Carolina which soon became Tennessee, which "an" Abel Edwards bought land from F. Keiller. With "an" Abel Edwards purchasing land from F. Keiller in N.C./TN., and also "an" Abel Edwards mentioned in a will in 1782 in Henry County Virginia, this poses a problem because how could one person be in two places at one time.

There are a couple of ways of taking this occurrence:

1. In 1780 "our" Abel Edwards could have bought land in the newly founded Sullivan County North Carolina and went back home to Virginia to live a couple of more years because of probable family reasons, and then took the family to North Carolina, one should remember soon to be Tennessee.

2. The larger problem is what is harder to

explain. In the entry for 1782 there is an Abel Edwards who was mentioned in a will in Henry County Virginia. Now one might think how is this a problem, well it is a problem for the reason of the will which this Abel Edwards is mentioned.

If this will was just a will which was done to distribute the estate of the person who wrote the will then that would be enough to explain Abel's arrival to Sullivan County NC/TN, in 1780 and the mention of an Abel Edwards in a will in 1782.

Instead the will's purpose was not to distribute the estate, but to have people inventory the estate and to do this I would think that all of the mentioned people in the will would need to be there, which our Abel Edwards was mentioned as one of the people held to account for the estate. There is a possibility that our Abel Edwards was not there and was in Sullivan County NC/TN, and because of his absence in Virginia he was excluded from this legality. There is also a possibility that the Abel Edwards mentioned was not our Abel Edwards, this I doubt because of no other Abel Edwards mentioned in either Henry/Franklin Counties Virginia or Sullivan County North Carolina/Tennessee. All we know is what the sources tell us, and what the sources tell me as the researcher is that they cross each others lines of information.

-1780, March:Abel Edwards bought land from F. Keiller Sullivan Co. North Carolina/Tennessee

(NOTE:This would be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1780, March:Deed of Abel Edwards

(NOTE:This would be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1780, March:Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed, Sullivan Co. North Carolina/Tennessee

(NOTE:This would be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1780:Abel Edwards mentioned in index of grantee deeds of Sullivan County North Carolina/Tennessee

(NOTE:This would be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1782:Abel Edwards mentioned in Henry County Virginia will

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2. The larger problem is what is harder to explain. In the entry for 1782 there is an Abel Edwards who was mentioned in a will in Henry County Virginia. Now one might think how is this a problem, well it is a problem for the reason of the will which this Abel Edwards is mentioned.

If this will was just a will which was done to distribute the estate of the person who wrote the will then that would be enough to explain Abel's arrival to Sullivan County NC/TN, in 1780 and the mention of an Abel Edwards in a will in 1782.

Instead the will's purpose was not to distribute the estate, but to have people inventory the estate and to do this I would think that all of the mentioned people in the will would need to be there, which our Abel Edwards was mentioned as one of the people held to account for the estate. There is a possibility that our Abel Edwards was not there and was in Sullivan County NC/TN, and because of his absence in Virginia he was excluded from this legality. There is also a possibility that the Abel Edwards mentioned was not our Abel Edwards, this I doubt because of no other Abel Edwards mentioned in either Henry/Franklin Counties Virginia or Sullivan County North Carolina/Tennessee. All we know is what the sources tell us, and what the sources tell me as the researcher is that they cross each others lines of information.

-1783, April 17:Abel Edwards purchases land, Henry County Virginia.{refer to pg. 62}

(Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)

-1783, April 17:Abel Edwards purchases land, Henry County Virginia

(Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)

-1786:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list Franklin Co. Virginia

(Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)

-1786, May 9:Abel Edwards mentioned in land transaction Franklin County Virginia.{refer to pg.63}
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1786, May 9:Abel Edwards sells land Franklin Co. Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1786, May 9:Abel Edwards sells land Franklin County/Henry County Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1786, September:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Franklin Co. Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1786, October 26:Abel Edwards mentioned in will Henry Co. Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1786, October 30:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Franklin/Henry County Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 -1787, June:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Henry/Franklin County Virginia
 (Note 1:Refer to Note 2 March 1780, same applies here)
 (Note 2:This is the last mention of an Abel Edwards in Virginia during this time of Pre-1790. This deed is believed to be the selling of the Edwards home/land for their trip to North Carolina/Tennessee. Again there is some muddled waters trying to figure out the deed problems which have arisen between Abel Edwards being in two different states at one time.)
 -1788, March:Abel Edwards purchases land Sullivan County North Carolina/Tennessee
 (Note#1:This is the first mention of our Abel Edwards in North Carolina/Tennessee)
 (Note#2:The date written on the original deed is 1780, 1788, March is incorrect. Refer to 1780, March)
 -1790:Abel Edwards mentioned in New York Federal census
 (Note:Other entries of Abel Edwards's around the country, this is not our Abel Edwards)
 -1790:Abel Edwards mentioned in North Carolina, Salisbury Federal census
 (Note:Other entries of Abel Edwards's around the country, this is not our Abel Edwards)
 -1790:Abel Edwards mentioned in South Carolina, Cheraw Federal census
 (Note:Other entries of Abel Edwards's around the country, this is not our Abel Edwards)
 -1796:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list Sullivan County Tennessee
 -1796:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list Sullivan County Tennessee

-1797:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list Sullivan County Tennessee

-1797:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list Sullivan County Tennessee

-1797, December 29:Abel Edwards sells land Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:This source is incorrect. There was no land transaction that involved any Abel Edwards during this time. This source possibly was confused with the deed dated, December 29, 1807 between Abel Edwards and his son in law, Littleberry Sams)

-1797:Abel Edwards mentioned living in Washington County Tennessee

(Note:This source is incorrect. There was no mention of an Abel Edwards living in Washington County during this time. This source was possibly confused with the deed dated, December 29, 1807 between Abel Edwards and his son in law, Littleberry Sams which states that Abel Edwards lived in Washington County Tennessee)

-1798, April 31:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Sullivan County Tennessee{refer to pg.64}

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Thomas Jones)

-1798, April 31:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Thomas Jones)

-1798, April 31:Abel Edwards sold land Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Thomas Jones)

-1798, May 15:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Sullivan County Tennessee{refer to pg.65}

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Richard Glover)

-1798, May 15:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Richard Glover)

-1798, May 15:Abel Edwards sold land Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells 50 acres to Richard Glover)

-1798:Abel Edwards mentioned in index of grantee deeds Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells land to Thomas Jones and Richard Glover)

-1798:Abel Edwards mentioned in deed Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards sells land to Thomas Jones and Richard Glover)

-1802, July 3:Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee Church, Carter County Tennessee

(Note:Abel Edwards and wife "Polley" Edwards were received into the Cherokee Church of Carter County

Tennessee)

(Note: Becuase this Abel was mentioned with his wife "Polley", I believe this to be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1804, August 4: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed,

Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1804, August 4: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed as witness, Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1804: Abel Edwards mentioned in court document of conveyance and assurance, Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1804: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed, Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1804: Abel Edwards mentioned as witness in an indenture brief, Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1804, August 4: Abel Edwards mentioned in an indenture brief, Washington County Tennessee

(Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783 which would make him in 1804 twenty(21) years old)

-1807, December 29: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

(Note: Abel Edwards living Washington County Tennessee)

-1807, December 29: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee {refer to pg.66}

(Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1807, December 29: Abel Edwards sells land, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1807, December 29: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)

-1807, December 29: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)
 -1807, December 29: Abel Edwards sells land, Sullivan County Tennessee
 (Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)
 -1807: Abel Edwards mentioned in index of grantee deeds, Sullivan County Tennessee
 (Note: This is Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts)
 -1808, January 6: Abel Edwards mentioned in deed as witness, Washington County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1808, October 1: Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee Church minutes, Carter County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1808, January 6: Mentioned in Deed records Carter County Tennessee.
 -1818-1830: Abel Edwards died
 (Note: unproven)
 -1818: Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed records, Washington County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1819: Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list, Washington County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1819, October 19: Abel Edwards mentioned in Washington County Court minutes, Jurors sworn to witness
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1820, June 2: Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee church minutes, Carter County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1822, January: Abel Edwards mentioned in court records Washington County Tennessee. Three mentions of Abel Edwards.
 -1822, April: Abel Edwards mentioned in court records Washington County Tennessee
 -1822, July: Abel Edwards mentioned in court records Washington County Tennessee
 -1826, July 1: Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee church minutes, Carter County Tennessee
 (Note: This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1828, April 15: Abel Edwards mentioned in court minutes Washington County Tennessee, unlikely this Abel Edwards mentioned is Abel Edwards who was married to Polly

Potts, this Abel Edwards was a doctor
 -1828, October 13:Abel Edwards mentioned in court minutes Washington County Tennessee. Unlikely Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, this Abel Edwards is a doctor
 -1829, April 13:Abel Edwards mentioned in court minutes Washington County Tennessee
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1829, June 5:Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee church minutes, Carter County Tennessee
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1829:Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed records, Washington County Tennessee
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1830ca:Abel Edwards dies
 (Note:unproven)
 -1831:Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed records, Washington County Tennessee
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1831, September 2:Abel Edwards mentioned in Cherokee church minutes, Carter County Tennessee
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1833, February 12:Abel Edwards mentioned in an order of conveyance
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1833:Abel Edwards mentioned in Deed records, Washington County Tennessee
 -1837:Abel Edwards mentioned in tax list, Sullivan County Tennessee District number 3
 (Note:This could either be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, or his son Abel who was born in 1783.)
 -1837 ca.:Abell Edwards mentioned in Holston Baptist Church Minutes as a member. Unproven whether this is Abel Edwards, husband to Polly Potts.
 (NOTE:Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son was living in Washington County Tennessee in 1830(See Chapter VI). So the mention of "Abell" Edwards in the Holston Baptist Church ca. 1837 makes it probable that this "Abell" Edwards is the Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts.)
 -1846:Abel Edwards dies
 (Note:unproven)
 -1898:Abel Edwards possibly mentioned in Revolutionary

records in Albany County New York.
(Note:unproven)

BURIAL LOCATION

Abel Edwards and Polly Potts is believed to be buried in Sullivan County Tennessee, but there is also a possibility that they might be buried in Washington County Tennessee.

This author believes that there are two places that could be the burial place for Abel and/or Polly Edwards.

The last known documented mention of Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts was in 1807 when Abel Edwards sold land to his son in law, Littleberry Sams. This land transaction was done in Sullivan County Tennessee. The estimated death year of Abel Edwards was mid 1830's to early 1840's. There can be found an "ABELL EDWARDS" mentioned in the Holston Baptist Church minutes (see source #4 chapter 8) as a member. This is possibly Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts, this would put Abel's death ca. 1837.

The only child of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts who was still living in or around Sullivan County Tennessee was Joshua Edwards who was the pastor of the Holston Baptist Church. The "coincidence" of Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts being a pastor of the Holston Baptist Church and an "ABELL EDWARDS" being mentioned in the Holston Baptist Church Minutes could be considered more than just a coincidence.

North East of Bluff City Tennessee located in Sullivan County Tennessee is where Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts is buried in the Weaver Cemetery. {refer to pg. 67-68}

The Buffalo Ridge Cemetery is located near Elizabethton Tennessee in Washington County Tennessee, south of Sullivan County Tennessee. Buried in this cemetery is Samuel E. Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards which was the son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

Taking in the assumption that Abel Edwards died between 1835-1845 there were few children of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts living in the area, most of their children left for other areas of the United States. The only child that stayed until his death in Sullivan County Tennessee was Joshua Edwards.

I believe that Abel Edwards, and possibly his wife Polly Potts are buried in either the Weaver Cemetery in Sullivan County Tennessee, or the Buffalo Ridge Cemetery in Washington County Tennessee.

There are two ways of looking at where Abel Edwards and Polly Potts are buried. Abel and Polly Edwards moved out of the area of Sullivan County

Tennessee to live with family members, which there are no documented account of this happening, or Abel Edwards and Polly Potts died in Sullivan County or a near by county.

With Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son Joshua Edwards living in Sullivan County I believe that Abel Edwards and or Polly Potts went to live with their son Joshua Edwards after selling the last bit of land in 1806. The "ABELL EDWARDS" mentioned in the Holston Baptist Church Minutes I believe very likely could be Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts. If this is the case then Abel Edwards and or Polly Potts would be buried in Sullivan County Tennessee, and probably close to family, which his family in the area would have been their son Joshua Edwards.

There is a possibility that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts are buried in the Buffalo Ridge Cemetery located in Washington County Tennessee. Abel Edwards and Polly Potts Grandson Samuel E. Edwards and his family are buried in this cemetery in a family vault. This is a very old church cemetery and the location of where the Buffalo Ridge Church use to stand.

NOTE:1807, December 29 Abel Edwards was living in Washington County Tennessee. This would substantiate him being in Washington County Tennessee possibly at the time of his death.

I personally believe that the Weaver Cemetery located north east of Bluff City, Sullivan County Tennessee to be the location of their burial. I went to the Weaver Cemetery to try to find the grave of my 4th great grandfather Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. I new he was buried here because of his epitaph written in the {4}Holston Baptist Church Minutes. I couldn't find his grave among the extremely deteriorated grave stones, but I decided that the very old portion of the cemetery which had these deteriorated stones was the probable location of Joshua Edwards. I took the time to view each and every one of the old headstones and I came across the headstone of a Amanda Edwards, wife of Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards. What makes this such a substantial find is the fact that Amanda "Longacre" Edwards died early in her life, in 1844. My 3rd great grandfather Owen Edwards husband to Amanda Longacre Edwards decided to bury her in the Weaver Cemetery where his father was to be buried later in 1859 in the Weaver Cemetery.

I believe that Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts buried his wife in the Weaver Cemetery because that is where his grandparents Abel Edwards and Polly Potts were buried.

Our progenitor Abel Edwards is for the most part a hard person to research because of a few reasons. Early records other than land records are hard to come by, we are lucky we have the "Edwards Bible", with out this tool we wouldn't have any proof of this family what soever.

With land records and census records it is documented that Abel Edwards and family were in two different places around the time of 1780, Franklin County Virginia and Sullivan County North Carolina/Tennessee, and surrounding counties of North Carolina/Tennessee.

AUTHORS NOTE: At this time in history (1780), Tennessee wasn't in existence and Abel Edwards and family were living in the northern edge of North Carolina which later became a part of Tennessee.

Another reason for the difficulty in researching Abel Edwards is the possibility that pre-1780 Abel Edwards might have been going by a different given name, such as the popular names in the family, John, Thomas, Joshua. There is no proof to this speculation of mine, but with so many adaptations of the descendants of Abel and Polly Edwards that have been compiled and sent to me from different people long since passed away makes me at least want to acknowledge the possibility. Also with the documented placement of Abel Edwards in Virginia earlier than 1772 makes it very difficult to find him any farther back.

All there is to go by when performing research on a person is the records that are held by the city, county, state, and federal, and finally church records. If this does not provide the necessary information than a researcher looks for information that might have been passed down from generation to generation in a family which would shed some light in the migration of the ancestors of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. If neither one of these sheds the necessary light to trace Abel Edwards ancestors, one might say we are dead in the water.

This has in no way happened with the research on Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. The research is ongoing and may never be completed.

TRYING TO FIND THE ORIGINAL LAND OF ABEL EDWARDS AND
POLLY POTTS

Not to long ago I wondered if it might be possible to find the original land that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts purchased, lived, and raised their family.

Where it took me was not to where the land is today, but added more questions to the Edwards history relating to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

-Researching for the location of the original 260 acres of land once owned by Abel Edwards, bought on March 1780 from Frederick Keiller. In 1798 Abel Edwards sold 100 acres, 50 acres each to a Richard Glover, and a Thomas Jones. In 1807 Abel Edwards sold the rest of the original 260 acres, 160 acres to his son in law Littleberry Sams, husband to Nancy Edwards daughter to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

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ABEL EDWARDS SOLD LAND TO THOMAS JONES

1. March 1780, Sullivan co. North Carolina
 - a. Abel Edwards bought land from Frederick Keiller.{refer to pg.61}
2. April 31, 1798, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Abel Edwards sold land to Thomas Jones.
 1. 50 acres HOLDS R.{refer to pg.64}
3. September 30, 1844, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Thomas Jones sold land to John R. Jones
 1. District 3, 50 acres 5 HOLDS R.
 - b. SEE NOTE#1

ABEL EDWARDS SOLD LAND TO RICHARD GLOVER

4. March 1780, Sullivan co. North Carolina
 - a. Abel Edwards bought land from Frederick Keiller.
5. May 15, 1798, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Abel Edwards sold 50 acres to Richard Glover
 1. 50 acres HOLDS R.
6. August 15, 1808, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Richard Glover sold 50 acres of land to Samuel Jones.
 1. 50 acres of HOLDS R.
7. February 2, 1859, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Samuel Jones sold 50 acres to Squire Jones.
 1. SEE NOTE#2

ABEL EDWARDS SOLD LAND TO LITTLEBERRY SAMS

8. March 1780, Sullivan co. North Carolina
 - a. Abel Edwards bought land from Frederick Keiller.{refer to pg.61}
9. December 29, 1807, Sullivan Co. Ten.
 - a. Littleberry Sams bought 160 acres of land from Abel Edwards.
 1. 160 acres Holston R.
10. February 21, 1825, Sullivan Co. Ten.
 - a. Littleberry Sams sold 29 1/4 acres to Obadiah Sams.
 1. 29 1/4 acres Hols R.
 - b. SEE NOTE#3
11. October 6, 1838, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Littleberry Sams sold 31 acres to:
 1. John Sams Dec Heirs
 2. Edmond Sams & c
 3. Leroy Sams & c
 4. Susanna Sams & c
 - b. SEE NOTE#4
12. October 6, 1838, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Littleberry Sams bought 31 acres from Wilson Sams.
 1. another occurrence of 31 acres purchased.
13. February 12, 1849, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. James Sams purchased 31 acres (Int J. Sams dec), from Stacy Richards.
14. February 15, 1849, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. 31 acres S of HOLS R. was given to Edmund Carrier by T-Bond from:
 1. Anne Sams & c
 2. Susanna Sams & c
 3. James Sams & c
 - b. SEE NOTE#5
15. February 15, 1849, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. 31 acres was sold to Edmund Carrier from:
 1. Anne & c
 2. Susannah & c
 3. James & c
 - b. SEE NOTE#5
16. September 29, 1854, Sullivan co. Ten.
 - a. Obediah Sams Sr. purchased 31 acres from Edmond Carrier.
 1. district three (3)
 - b. SEE NOTE#8

NOTE#1: After John R. Jones received land from Thomas Jones in 1844 could not find a John/John R./J.R. Jones through 1900 as selling land to anyone. The land might have been kept in family, or sold by family members in small acres. We will Probably never know. Also the land might have been willed, or another type of distribution of this land could have happened after 1844. Another possibility's the descendants of John R. Jones left the land and no one bought the land after they left.

NOTE#2: There is no mention of a Squire/or "S" Jones selling land, 50 acres through 1900. This person might have willed this land to his descendants or there was some other type of distribution of this 50 acres after Squire Jones sold it or willed it. Another possibility is that the descendants to Squire Jones just left the land and no one bought the land after they left.

-NOTE#3: There was allot of activity with deeds on February 21, 1825 in Sullivan co. Ten. There might be some correlation between the four (4) different deeds mentioned during this day. I believe that these deeds do have something in common with Littleberry Sams selling 31 acre parcels, which probably was the original land Abel Edwards purchased in 1780.

- a. There were the following deeds signed on Feb. 21, 1825.
 - 1. Obediah Sams 20 acres to John R. Glover
 - 2. Obediah Sams 7 acres from A. Vancevender
 - a. see Note#7
 - 3. Obediah Sams 29 1/4 acres from Littleberry Sams

-NOTE#4: There were four (4) different deeds completed during this day. There is some kind of association between these four (4) different deeds. Possibly because of a deceased family member. Unknown at this time.

-NOTE#5: (Item 14 and 15) have something to do with one another and the association between the "T-bond" and the deeds of these two (2) items do have some hidden meaning. The names of these people who were involved in (item 14 and 15) are not the same people who are mentioned in (item 11), with exception to Susanna Sams. Susanna Sams mentioned in (Item #11) could be the same person mentioned in (Item 14 & 15). What makes me think that the people mentioned in (item

11, 14, 15) are some how related, and that these land transactions are probably from the original land that was once owned by Abel Edwards is because Littleberry Sams on October 6, 1838 sold four (4) 31 acre plots to four (4) different people which equal a total of 124 acres, and on February 21, 1825 Littleberry Sams sold 29 1/4 acres which puts the total of 153 acres that Littleberry Sams sold from the original 160 acres which he purchased from his father in law, my 5th great grandfather Abel Edwards.

This is under the assumption that the multiple deeds in question are from the original land purchase from Abel Edwards.

-NOTE#6: The earliest land transaction that Littleberry Sams was involved in was the transaction with his father in law Abel Edwards, which he purchased 160 acres. There are only 7 missing acres from the original 160.

-NOTE#7: In note 6 there is mentioned 7 missing acres from the original 160 which Abel Edwards sold to Littleberry Sams. On February 21, 1825 An Obadiah Sams bought 7 acres of land from Abraham Vandevender on the Holston River. Ironically Littleberry Sams ended up selling to an Obadiah Sams 29 1/4 acres on the same day as O. Sams bought 7 acres from A. Vandevender. Could this be some how the missing 7 acres of land and again why are all of these deeds going on at the same time?

I believe that this is very likely the missing 7 acres missing from the total of 160 acres that Littleberry Sams purchased from Abel Edwards in 1807.

-NOTE#8: Obediah Sams Sr. on September 29, 1854 bought land from Edmond Carrier, 31 acres. This 31 acres is probably one of the three 31 acre parcels that Edmond Carrier purchased (see item 14-15) from three different people in 1849.

-NOTE#9: After 1854 (see item 16) there is not another mention of 31 acres parcels sold or conveyed in any other manner. The owners of the 31 acre parcels possibly willed the land to family, or there was some other type of distribution of the acreage. Another possibility is the families who owned the 31 acre parcels left the land and no one bought the land after they left.

-NOTE#10: Littleberry sams isn't mentioned anywhere in Sullivan County Tennessee after October 6, 1838, (see Item 12).

Questions:

1. What happened to Littleberry Sams 31 acres which he purchased from Wilson Sams?
2. Who did Wilson Sams purchase his 31 acres from?
3. Why did he sell his 31 acres to Littleberry Sams on the same day that he sold his (4) pieces of land of 31 acres each?

I believe in the possible reason why Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts can't be found in revolutionary war records, and pension files is because he went by the different name of "JOHN EDWARDS".

This can be supported by the numerous accounts of submissions from distant cousins passed down history concerning the person who married Polly Potts was a "John and a Thomas Edwards".

There is a possibility that the Abel Edwards mentioned in the Edwards Bible is the Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts. The specific portion of this page that I am interested in is the following, "Abel Edwards departed this life on October 6th, 18??, aged ??".{refer to pg.132}

There are "nine" individual "Abel Edwards" mentioned in family records descended from Abel Edwards and Polly Potts including Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts. There is not one Abel Edwards that died in the month of October through my records but the Edwards Bible states that an Abel Edwards died in the month of October.{refer to pg.132}

There is also a mention of an "ABELL" Edwards as a member of the Holston Baptist Church, pastored by Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. This could very well be the Abel Edwards mentioned in the Edwards Bible Records, and also our Abel Edwards which married Polly Potts.{refer to pg.132}

JOSHUA EDWARDS

Joshua Edwards was my fourth great grandfather, and was born on August 11, 1781 and died on March 18, 1859. Buried in the Weaver Cemetery, Sullivan County Tennessee.{refer to pg.68}

Joshua Edwards
married

#1 Nancy Ervin
September 30, 1802
#2 Drucella Delaney
December 9, 1838

children 1st
marriage

1. Samuel E. Edwards
2. *Owen Edwards
3. Abel Edwards
4. Mary Polly Edwards
5. Matilda Edwards
6. Ethelbert Edwards
7. Eldridge Edwards

Children 2nd marriage: No Known children
*This is my third great grandfather

TIME LINE: FOR JOSHUA EDWARDS

(See chapter 8 for sources)

- 1781:{3}Joshua Edwards born
- 1800:Joshua Edwards converted and Baptized by Jonathan Mulkey, Carter County Tennessee.
- 1802, April 3:Joshua Edwards mentioned in Cherokee Church minutes, Carter County Tennessee.
- 1802, September 30:Joshua Edwards married first wife Nancy Ervin(Erwin)
- 1803:Joshua Edwards mentioned as member of Sinking Creek Church, Carter County Tennessee.
- 1804, August 4:Joshua Edwards mentioned as witness, Washington County Tennessee.
- 1807, October 30:Joshua Edwards, wife and wives sister Ervin mentioned in Cherokee Church minutes, Carter County Tennessee.
- 1807, December 29:Joshua Edwards witness to deed between Abel Edwards(husband to Polly Potts) and son in law Littleberry Sams.
- 1809:Joshua Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Deed.
- 1809, November 26:Joshua Edwards mentioned in deed in Sullivan County Tennessee{refer to pg.73}
- 1810, January:Joshua given land grant, Sullivan County Tennessee.{refer to pg.74}
- 1811:Joshua Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee.
- 1811, October 30:Joshua Edwards mentioned in grant,

Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1812:Joshua Edwards mentioned in tax list, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1822, February 18:Joshua Edwards bought 380 acres, Sullivan County Tennessee.{refer to pg.75}

-1822, February 18:Joshua Edwards mentioned in deed, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1827, June 16:Joshua Edwards named as a constituent member of Holston Church, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1827, June 16:Joshua Edwards chosen Clerk of Holston Baptist Church, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1830:Joshua Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1833:Joshua Edwards married Drucilla Delaney.

-1834, December 20:Joshua Edwards ordained Deacon, Holston Baptist Church, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1836, March 20:Joshua Edwards licensed to preach, Holston Baptist Church, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1836, July 16:Joshua Edwards first mentioned giving sermon in Holston Meeting House, Holston Baptist Church, Sullivan County Tennessee.{refer to pg.76}

-1838, December 9:Joshua Edwards married second Drucilla Delaney.

-1840:Joshua Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1841, September 18:Joshua Edwards signed as clerk of Holston Baptist church, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1845:Joshua Edwards named Benedicts Correspondent and/or reporter for Holston Church, Sullivan County Tennessee and other associations.

-1845, February 3:Joshua Edwards bought 4 1/2 acres, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1850:Joshua Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Sullivan County Tennessee.{refer to pg.176}

-1850:Joshua Edwards located in 1st Division, Sullivan County Tennessee.

NOTE:According to Sullivan County land records the location of all Edwards families were in 3rd division. There is no other mention of 1st division for our Edwards ansestors. Refer to Chapter VI.

-1852, September 2:Joshua Edwards sold 125 1/2 acres, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1859, MARCH:Joshua Edwards burial mentioned in Holston Baptist Church minutes, Sullivan County Tennessee.

-1859, March 18:{4}Joshua Edwards died

-1859, MARCH 20:{4}Joshua Edwards mentioned in eulogy in Holston Baptist Church minutes, Sullivan Co.

Tennessee.{refer to pg.77}

-1868, November 14:Joshua Edwards mentioned in deed records, 262 acres to his son Samuel E. Edwards upon Joshua Edwards death. Sullivan County Tennessee.

With all of the names and histories that I have worked with throughout these years of researching I find my Fourth Great Grandfather Joshua Edwards the most interesting and intriguing.

I guess I am slightly biased because Joshua Edwards is of my direct line, but for the most part I feel most interested in his life because he wasn't the average farmer like most of my/our other direct line ancestors and their descendants.

In the book, "SKETCHES OF TENNESSEE'S PIONEER BAPTIST PREACHERS" it was written, "He(Joshua Edwards) was chiefly instrumental in building a house of worship for this newly consituted church(Holston Baptist Church), holding church services in his own house till the meeting-house was ready for use."

From most of the known records, Joshua Edwards was a man who pursued religion through out his whole life.

OWEN EDWARDS

Owen Edwards was born on November 5/6, 1806, Sullivan County Tennessee (specific date of birth not proven/year of birth proven), and died on May 8, 1873/5 in Drakesville Township, Davis County Iowa, buried in Drakesville Cemetery.

Owen Edwards
married

Amanda Longacre
1828, May 22(date unproven)
Sullivan Co. Ten.

children

1. *William S.
2. Mary M.
3. Joseph L.
4. Margaret
5. Eldridge
6. Ireson

*This is my Second Great Grandfather

TIME LINE: FOR OWEN EDWARDS

(See Chapter 8 for sources)

-1805:Owen Edwards born

(Note:this date differs from date of birth in the

Edwards Bible)

-1805:Owen Edwards born

(Note: this date differs from date of birth in the Edwards Bible)

-1806:{3}Owen Edwards born

-1806, November 5:Owen Edwards born

(Note: this specific date of birth is unproven)

-1806, November 5:Owen Edwards born

(Note: this specific date of birth is unproven)

-1806, November 6:Owen Edwards born

(Note: this specific date of birth is unproven)

-1806, November 6:Owen Edwards born

(Note: this specific date of birth is unproven)

-1821, January 26:An Owen Edwards was mentioned in deed, purchased 55 acres, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this more than likely was not Owen Edwards b.1806, but rather Owen Edwards b.1779, son to Abel Edwards. Unable to prove)

-1825, February 21:Owen Edwards sold 50 acres, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this more than likely was not Owen Edwards b.1806, but rather Owen Edwards b.1779, son to Abel Edwards. Unable to prove)

-1825, February 22:Owen Edwards mentioned in land survey, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this more than likely was not Owen Edwards b.1806, but rather Owen Edwards b.1779, son to Abel Edwards. Unable to prove. There is also a date of 1829, August 19 with unknown meaning)

-1826, March 29:Owen Edwards mentioned in land survey, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this more than likely was not Owen Edwards b.1806, but rather Owen Edwards b.1779, son to Abel Edwards. Unable to prove. There is also a date of 1829, August 19 with unknown meaning)

-1828, May 22:Owen Edwards married Amanda Melvina Longacre

(Note: this date is unproven)

-1829, August 19:Owen Edwards mentioned in land transaction, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this date is of unknown meaning and is in correlation with two dates of Owen Edwards land transactions, Sullivan County Tennessee; 1825, Feb. 22, and 1826, Mar 29)

-1829, August 19:Owen Edwards mentioned in land transaction, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note: this date is of unknown meaning and is in correlation with two dates of Owen Edwards land transactions, Sullivan County Tennessee; 1825, Feb. 22,

and 1826, Mar 29)

-1833, September 20:Owen Edwards sold 135 acres,
Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:unkown if this is Owen Edwards b.1806)

-1836, December 29:Owen Edwards performed unknown type
of deed, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:unkown if this is Owen Edwards b.1806)

-1837:Owen Edwards mentioned in Tax List District#3,
Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:unkown if this is Owen Edwards b.1806)

-1837, February 6:Owen Edwards (by attorney) sold 20
acres, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:unkown if this is Owen Edwards b.1806)

-1844:Mentioned in land records, Sullivan County
Tennessee

-Below this is line "PROVEN" Owen Edwards b.1806

-1847, October 14:Owen Edwards mentioned in land
survey, Sullivan County Tennessee

(Note:Line bearer next to said land is "Longacre" which
is Owen Edwards b.1806 spouses maiden name. This is
Owen Edwards b.1806){refer to pg.78}

-1850:Owen Edwards mentioned in Sullivan County,
Tennessee Federal Census, 1st division{refer to pg.176}

-1850:Owen Edwards mentioned in Sullivan County,
Tennessee Federal Census, 1st division

-1860:Owen Edwards mention in Davis County Iowa Federal
Census, Fox River Township

-1867, March 30:Owen Edwards visited his daughter Mary
M. Edwards Reeder and husband P. Reeder in Appanoose
Co. or Davis Co. Iowa.{refer to pg.147}

{2}(Philander Reeder Diaries).

(Entry:Owen Edwards come here)

-1867, September 23:{2}Owen Edwards visited daughter
Mary M. Edwards Reeder and Husband P. Reeder in
Appanoose Co. or Davis Co. Iowa.

{2}(Philander Reeder Diaries)

(Entry:Owen Edwards with three other old baptists come
here)

-1868, October 23:{2}Owen Edwards visited Daughter Mary
M. Edwards Reeder and husband P. Reeder in Appanoose
Co. or Davis Co. Iowa.

{2}(Philander Reeder Diaries)

(Entry:Owen Edwards come up)

-1868, October 25:{2}Owen Edwards rented home of E.S.
Edwards in Appanoose Co. or Davis Co. Iowa.

{2}(Philander Reeder Diaries)

-1873, May 8:Owen Edwards died, buried Drakesville
Cemetery, Drakesville, Davis County Ia.{refer to pg.80}

-1875, May 8:Owen Edwards died, buried Drakesville Cemetery, Drakesville, Davis County Iowa.

AUTHORS NOTE:I believe this date may be incorrect because the cemetery records for Davis Co. Ia. state that death date is 1873 vice 1875. The dates on Owen Edwards headstone are not legible.

As far as his personality or specifically how he made his living during his life, like most of the people mentioned in this volume we will never really know, we must speculate.

The federal Census's of Tennessee and Iowa state that he was a farmer. There is mention of Owen Edwards in the {2}Philander Reeder Diaries which state a visit by "Owen Edwards with three other old baptists". This entry in the before said diaries imply the possibility that during his early, middle, or later life or possibly during his whole life he was involved in the Baptist church like his father Joshua Edwards, to what extent, again there is only speculation. Does this mean that he was a preacher, or deacon? At this time there is no proof of this, but with the mention of Owen Edwards in the {2}Philander Reeder Diaries with three other "old baptists", and knowing that his father was a baptist preacher this makes it very probable.

WILLIAM SAMUEL EDWARDS

William Samuel Edwards, alias W.S.E EDWARDS was born in 1829, Sullivan County Tennessee, and died in Stockton, Rookes County Kansas on January 5, 1887. Buried in Orleans Cemetery, Washington Township, Appanoose County Iowa.

William S. Edwards
married

Mary E. Willet
September 14, 1854
Appanoose County Iowa

Children

1. Sarah Amanda
2. *James Philando
3. Ida A.
4. Emmil SE.

*This is my great grandfather

TIME LINE FOR WILLIAM SAMUEL "W.S.E." EDWARDS
(See Chapter 8 for sources)

- 1833:Mentioned in deed index Appanoose Co. Iowa
- 1850:William S. Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Washington County Tennessee, with his uncle Samuel E. Edwards.
- 1854, September 14:William S. Edwards married Mary E. Willet, Appanoose County Iowa
- 1860:William Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Appanoose Co., Orleans Twp. Iowa(refer to pg.182)
- 1861, August 17:"A" Wm. Edwards mentioned as enlisted, Davis County Iowa
- 1861, December 25:William S. Edwards living in Appanoose County Iowa
- 1862, June 1:William S. Edwards mentioned in letter to Philander Reeder from brother J.L. Edwards, brother to William S. Edwards. Letter sent to Appanoose County Iowa, Orleans Township.
- 1864, January 1:"A" Wm. Edwards mentioned as enlisted, Davis County Iowa
- 1869:Mentioned in Pension Records, Iowa
- 1870, June 21:W.S.E. Edwards mentioned in deed index, Davis County Iowa. The land in question was located in Tennessee.

NOTE:The person who W.S.E. Edwards sold mentioned land was named John Carrier. Coincidentally the person who was involved in the purchasing of the land which was origionally owned by Abel Edwards and Polly Potts was named Edmund Carrier.(Refer to Page 32)

- 1870, July 8:William Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Fox River Twp., Davis Co. Ia.(refer to pg.184)
- 1870, July 8:William S. Edwards right to vote "might" have been denied or abridged to him for some (at this time) unknown reason
- 1870, August 20:W.S.E Edwards mentioned in deed index for Davis County Iowa
- 1880:William Edwards mentioned in 1880 Federal Census, Fox River Twp., Davis Co. Ia.(refer to pg.185)
- 1883, Febuary 3:W.S.E. Edwards mentioned in deed index for Davis County Iowa with wife Mary A. Willet Edwards.
- 1885:William S. Edwards mentioned in Pension Records, Iowa
- 1886:William S. Edwards lived in dwelling, Stockton, Rookes County Kansas
- 1887:William S. Edwards owned land/lot, Davis County Iowa
- 1887:William S. Edwards rented land/home, Davis County, Iowa
- 1887, January 5:William S. Edwards died, Stockton,

Rookes County Kansas

-1887:William S. Edwards mentioned in receipt concerning payment of teaching services prior to his death

William Samuel Edwards is an interesting and curious character. He is the first of my direct line Edwards ancestors which I have a proven picture of. His life starts out right away very perplexing.

William S. Edwards was born in 1829 in Tennessee. There is no way of finding William S. Edwards in any census until 1850 because the federal census pre-1850 mentioned only head of house holds.

In an earlier genealogical trip to Napa Valley California to meet my fathers cousins and to exchange stories and pictures I was very fortunate to photograph very old pictures of letters written by Mary Edwards Little, (I call these letters {5}"MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS"). In one of these letters Mary Little refers to a picture which she had correlated with the letters which she wrote, the picture was of her Great Aunt Mag which she stated "as I recall she (Aunt Mag) was the sister of fathers father". Kind of confusing for me at the time but Mary Little's father was James P. Edwards which was the son to William S. Edwards b.1829.(refer to Chapter VI)

So where does this muddled mess take us now, let me proceed.

I knew that William S. Edwards was my great grandfathers father because I had found them both mentioned in the 1870 and 1880 federal census for Davis County Iowa.

So with this fact added to the mentioned relation to "Aunt Mag" I thought that this was enough proof to proceed to investigate "Aunt Mag" and her family and possibly find their father. This is where I jumped to the next level which was realizing that I was now a descendant of Owen Edwards and Amanda Edwards Longacre, the parents of W.S.E. Edwards and Margaret "Aunt Mag" Edwards Wheeler Collinson.

Through several avenues of research I located the descendants of the son of Margaret Edwards "Aunt Mag" Wheeler Collinson, Eldridge Wheeler living near Montasano Washington. With a nice ladies help by the name of Lana Ireland I found out that Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson's parents were Owen Edwards and Amanda Edwards Longacre of Sullivan County Tennessee.

Now with the use of "Mary Edwards Little Papers" and her mention of "as I recall she "Aunt Mag" was the

sister of fathers father" I was able to tie William S. Edwards to Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson, then in turn was able to tie both of them to Owen Edwards and Amanda Longacre and later to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

I new that Lana Irelan mentioned Owen Edwards was the father to Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson, but for myself and my research I wanted to be able to find proof of this. I decided to do research on Owen Edwards and try to prove the tie between him and William S. Edwards. I found many Owen Edwards mentioned, but only one with the locator of Tennessee which was where William S. Edwards was born, so I sent away for the film and retrieved the name of the submitter of the information which was on the film and contacted them.

John and Rae Reeder had an interesting link to my already growing collections of links to our family chain. We exchanged information concerning our families and what they sent me brought another child to Owen Edwards and Amanda Edwards Longacre. The name that they sent me was, Mary Maria Edwards Reeder which in their notes was the daughter to a "Owen Edwards and Amanda Edwards Longacre". There was no mention of siblings to M. M. Edwards Reeder.

This just added to the jumbled pile of unproven information. I now had my William S. Edwards tied to Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson, which in information sent to me was the daughter of a Owen Edwards and Amanda Longacre, (at that time unproven). I now had a new name of Mary Maria Edwards Reeder which her fathers name, according to information that was sent to me was Owen Edwards which was married to Amanda Longacre, (at that time unproven). Where is the problem right? Well the problem was other than the information that was generously shared to me by my soon to be proven distant cousins I had no other documented proof which could stand up beside what I then believed to be very strong evidence to the ancestry of William S. Edwards.

By putting "2 and 2 together" it doesn't take allot to figure out that William S. Edwards, Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson and Mary Maria Edwards Reeder were siblings, by the information which at that time I had. Again no "PAPER PROOF" other than my collected notes.

I decided to try to find William S. Edwards in Iowa in the year 1860, which I did living west of Davis County Iowa in the county of Appanoose with his wife

and two children, the youngest at that time was my great grandfather, James Philando Edwards. Living right next to William S. Edwards and family was "Mary Maria Reeder" and her family, which I was trying to prove at the same time as the sister to William S. Edwards and Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson. At this time in my mind I decided that there wasn't any possibility of a coincidence and longer, but I still needed that proof for my own sanity.

Logically, "to me", the next step was to find Owen Edwards and family living in Sullivan County Tennessee, I did the research found Owen Edwards and Mary Edwards "Reeder", and her sister Margaret Edwards "Wheeler Collinson" living with their father Owen Edwards, but no William S. Edwards. In my mind this couldn't be and if it was to be it wasn't fair! I had all of the undocumented proof that a person would need to prove that all three of the siblings mentioned were the children of Owen Edwards, but the 1850 Federal Census for Sullivan County Tennessee didn't mention William S. Edwards at all. This confused me for almost three years.

In a few weeks I just excepted the fact that I was just going to have to be happy with the collected notes and information and consider that proof enough to connect William S. Edwards and Owen Edwards as father and son.

Several years later after collecting over two thousand descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts I was going over my notes, just browsing through them really not expecting to find anything at all that I didn't already know, and I found William S. Edwards in 1850, "WASHINGTON COUNTY TENNESSEE", just a few miles south of where his father and siblings were living in Sullivan County Tennessee at the same time. William S. Edwards was living with his uncle Samuel E. Edwards, brother to his father Owen Edwards. William Samuel Edwards was listed in this household as a "nephew", and a blacksmith. I FOUND HIM, PROVEN AND DOCUMENTED!

I believe that he left his home at around 19 years old to go and learn the trade of blacksmith from his uncle Samuel E. Edwards which was a blacksmith also. Maybe he did this to learn something different than just farming, we will never know.

William S. Edwards was the most difficult person so far that I have researched, but the outcome turned out well and I am glad that he is a proven descendant of Owen Edwards and mostly of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS

James Philando Edwards was born on December 15, 1858 in Appanoose County, Davis County Iowa, and died on December 25, 1938 in Canon City, Fremont County Colorado where he lived in a what they called the "Poor Farm". James P. Edwards body was sent by train to La Mirada California where he was interred in the Olive Lawn Memorial Gardens.

James Philando Edwards
married

Flora Belle Breeding
December 22, 1888
Davis County Iowa
(see note#1)

Children

1. Virgil Owen
2. Edna Blanche
3. Elma Mae
4. John Harlan
5. Mary M.
6. William Jennings Brian
7. Charles Seymour
8. *James Dale
9. Claude Calloway
10. Beulah Rae

*This is my grandfather

(Note:I believe that J.P. Edwards and wife were married at his Aunt Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson's home across the road from where J.P. Edwards eventually lived and made a home for his family)

TIME LINE FOR JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS

(See Chapter 8 for sources)

- 1858, December 15:James P. Edwards was born, Union, Appanoose County Iowa.
- 1860:James P. Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Appanoose County Iowa.
- 1870:James P. Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Davis County Iowa.
- 1880:James P. Edwards mentioned in Federal census, Fox River Township, Davis Co. Iowa. Occupation Farmer
- 1888, December 22:James P. Edwards married Florabelle Breeding, Davis Co. Iowa.
- 1889, December 22:James P. Edwards married Florabelle

Breeding, Drakesville, Soap Creek Township Davis Co. Iowa. Most likely performed at James P. Edwards Aunt Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson's home across the road from the home of James Edwards(refer to pg.89)

- 1900:James P. Edwards mentioned in Federal Census, Soap Crk. Township, Davis County Iowa.
- 1901, July 21:James P. Edwards(Jim) mentioned in {2}diary, Soap Creek Township, Davis County Iowa.
- 1910:James P. Edwards mentioned in 1910 Federal Census, Labette Co. Kansas.
- 1918:James P. Edwards in Chetopa Kansas.
- 1918:James P. Edwards middle name might have been "PHINEAS".
- 1920:James P. Edwards mentioned in Federal census, Labette Co., Parsons Kansas.
- 1922, December 22:James P. Edwards was in Fremont County, Canon City Colorado for his son James Dale Edwards wedding.
- 1923:James P. Edwards mentioned in city directory as retired, Fremont Co., Canon City Colorado.
- 1929, August 19:James P. Edwards admitted to poor farm, Fremont Co., Canon City Colorado(refer to pg.97)
- 1931:James P. Edwards mentioned in city directory, residence, County Hospital, Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.
- 1938, December 25:James P. Edwards died, Fremont County, Canon City Colorado(refer to pg.90, 99)
- 1938, December 25:James P. Edwards occupation at time of death, retired farmer.

James Philando Edwards from all accounts from living family members was not a very nice man and for the most part not easy to get along with. This is not to say that he was all bad, but maybe just a man who had a hard life.

J. P. Edwards is the first person in my ancestry which one can determine what kind of personality he had. Through different stories collected through out my research his personal profile becomes more clear.

Once James Philando Edwards wife Florabelle Breeding Edwards passed away in 1919, James P. Edwards didn't have anyone to take care of him and because of his ever increasing ill health he was not able to work to provide for himself and his youngest and last child still living with him, Buelah Edwards.

It is known that J.P. Edwards was living in Labette County Kansas in 1920 and from 1920 until December 1922 his whereabouts are unknown. It is very probable that he moved to Canon City Colorado soon

after 1920 to be near his son John Harlan Edwards who was currently living in Canon City Colorado, and possibly his other son James Dale Edwards, who left home sometime after his mother Florabelle Edwards death in 1919 for Canon City Colorado where he was to marry his wife Sally Barneycastle in 1922.

James Philando Edwards was staying with his son James Dale Edwards in a boarding house in Canon City Colorado around the latter year of 1922, and J.P. Edwards signature can be found as a witness of marriage for his son James Dale Edwards in Canon City Colorado.

James P. Edwards can't be found anywhere between the years of 1923-1929, and the year of 1929 would be the date that James P. was admitted to the poor farm in Canon City Colorado.

It is supported through old family photo's that James P. Edwards was with his oldest son Virgil Edwards who was living in California, this would likely fit between the years of 1923-1929. It is also supported through family stories that James P. Edwards floated, or rather moved around from son to daughter. This would very probably fit between the years of 1923-1929.

Once James Philando Edwards daughter Buelah was married ca.1930 James P. Edwards was getting very feeble and the decision was made that it was time to put him in a hospital of some sort so he could be taken care of in a way that suited him.

James P. Edwards was admitted to the Canon City Poor Farm in Canon City Colorado in 1931, and from all accounts he stayed there until his death in 1938.

STORY: (Told to me by my father Johnny Leroy Edwards)

In 1934 James Dale Edwards (son to James P. Edwards) decided it was time to leave Colorado for Oregon for a better life.

Before James D. Edwards left Canon City Colorado he took his children to say goodbye to their grandfather (James P. Edwards) which at this time lived in the Poor Farm in Canon City Colorado.

James Philando Edwards was completely blind and laying in a bed when James Dale Edwards brought his children in to see him. Before they left James Philando Edwards took his hands and felt the faces of James Dale Edwards children so he could imagine what his grandchildren looked like, before their long journey started. James Philando Edwards gave each child a silver dollar before they left.

James D. Edwards son Albert Edwards always kept this silver dollar and it is the possession of his

children to this day.

STORY:(Told to me by Rae Miller)

(Rae Edwards Miller was the granddaughter to James Philando Edwards)

He (James P. Edwards) lived with us for awhile, he was a real mean person...

James P. Edwards at one time came to live with us, Grandpa (James P. Edwards) use to go over to the grocery store and my mother would send me over to get him after he would call the house. Now, how he got from where ever he was to the store I wouldn't know. (Rae says this because of an earlier comment of how James P. Edwards was blind.)

I would go up to him and he would always have those flat round peppermints. He would give me those and hazel nuts, well I thought he was "cats meow". I would take his hand and we would cuddle on home. He was very sweet with me.

STORY:(Told to me by Polly Spring, Granddaughter to James P. Edwards)

On one occasion when my father(Charles S. Edwards, son to James P. Edwards) was a boy he was told by his father to do a specific set of chores and after they were completed he would take him to the circus which was in town. When Charles S. Edwards completed these chores he went up to his father and told him that he was all done with what he was asked to do, Charles asked his father, "Can we go to the circus now?" His father said to him, "I was just kidding."

AUTHORS NOTE:This adaption of this story was told to Polly Edwards Spring by her father Charles S. Edwards. The story supports the harshness of James P. Edwards.

STORY:(Told to me by Robert Edwards, grandson to James Philando Edwards. Robert is talking about his father Charles S. Edwards and his relationship to James P. Edwards his father.)

From what little I learned from my father about his childhood I can only discern that it was a hard life. Many children in the family and very rural(Davis County Iowa) farm, etc.

His father was extremely strict and harsh. My father had difficulty talking about his father. My father never communicated with his father. Seemed to be some resentment. When James P. Edwards died his body was shipped west. It came through Ogden(Utah). When my father and I went to the station and saw the

casket, my father cried. So much resentment but in the end there was so much love.

AUTHORS NOTE:I think that this is an exceptional explanation of James P. Edwards and his relationship to his son Charles S. Edwards and his other children. All of James Philando Edwards children felt this way to some degree or another and I think that they always loved their father even though he was cruel and/or harsh to them for most of their lives.

LETTER:(Letter was written by a son of my great grandfather James Philando Edwards, to a daughter of James Philando Edwards) (Transcribed by Johnny James Edwards)

Canon City Colo
July 28th, 1922

Dear Sister:

I will try and write you a torn can't read in answer to you letter we received this afternoon. Although I do not hardly know how to start out.

Thus I will say a few words as to local affairs in and around Canon.

Had quite a little shower this evening cooled things off so a fella can sleep good tonight. torn a real nice garden here had all the good stuff we wanted to eat. Bean bugs have torn my beans guess I will plow the ground up and plant some late beans and peas, also some lettuce.

I share 30 young chickens.
break in letter

Everything was "happiness" in the "home" until Little(Husband to Mary Edwards Little, daughter to James P. Edwards) came in with his mother and sister and then Mary(daughter to James P. Edwards) kicks her father and sister for her husbands folks.

AUTHORS NOTE:The above paragraph supports the moving around of James P. Edwards after his wife Florabelle died.

(Daughter) I haven't ever said that I wouldn't send father any money for I will..., I want to know that father gets the money I intend for he and Beulah to have, and special delivery letter will take it to him.

AUTHORS NOTE:At this time in James P. Edwards life he couldn't support himself and his last child at home, this is the primary reason why he had to live with his

children. This portion of the letter shows financial support from his children.

I wish that father (James P. Edwards) and Beulah (daughter to James P. Edwards) were in Canon it
AUTHORS NOTE: It was only five months later that James P. Edwards moved to Canon City Colorado to live near/with his two sons James Dale, and John Harlan Edwards. Obviously something was done about the living arrangements of James P. Edwards and Beulah his daughter.

would be a much more desirable place for them and then I could furnish them with all the vegetables they could eat and Beulah could pick enough fruit on the not clear to furnish them with all the canned stuff they could eat until fruit comes again.

(4)

(Daughter) you say, "you would if it was in your power make a "home" for father and Beulah. I would do the same but I am handwapped just as you are, and here a family to look after.

I am going to sell our little home this fall to square things up and I think there will be enough money so that father and Beulah can have a little role.

When I think of father I don't think how he done in the past but think of him as I last knew him.

AUTHORS NOTE: This supports the characterization of James P. Edwards as a difficult father to live with.

(5)

"(Daughter) I believe in doing good, but I don't intend to give and money to any out can't read if they do need it bad.

I intend to send father money every month I have a check to get the money with. Dale (son to James P. Edwards) does intend the same.

break in letter

Yes (daughter), I think it is right for each one to help everyone I mean of the whole Edwards family.

break in letter

as ever you loving bro and family

AUTHORS NOTE: I think that this transcribed letter is the best evidence of how James Philando Edwards was treated and lived his last few years. After his wife Florabelle died, it was only him and his daughter, and their day to day life was not an easy one.

JAMES DALE EDWARDS

James Dale Edwards was born on March 19, 1902 in Soap Creek Township, Davis County Iowa and died on March 10, 1947 at work in Salem Oregon. James D. Edwards is buried in Bellcrest Cemetery in Salem Oregon.

James Dale Edwards
married

Sallie Barneycastle
December 22, 1922
Fremont County, Canon City
Colorado.(refer to pg.102)

Children

1. Albert James
2. Ruth Emily
3. *Johnny Leroy

*This is my father

TIME LINE FOR JAMES DALE EDWARDS

(See chapter 8 for sources)

- 1902, March 19:James Dale Edwards was born in Soap Creek Township, Davis County Iowa.
- 1910:James Dale Edwards mentioned in the Federal Census, Richland Twp, Labette Kansas.
- 1922, December 22:James Dale Edwards married Sallie Barneycastle, Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.
- 1923:James Dale Edwards mentioned in City Directory, Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.
- 1925:James Dale Edwards mentioned in City Directory, Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.
- 1934:James Dale Edwards and family move from Canon City Colorado to Woodburn Oregon.
- 1947, March 10:James Dale Edwards died, Salem Oregon.
- 1947, March 17:James Dale Edwards buried in Salem Oregon, Bellcrest Cemetery.

James Dale Edwards had a very interesting life to the extent that he in the end controlled his own life and destiny instead having life control him and let destiny find him.

James D. Edwards was born into the new twentieth century, and really into a whole new way of life. He had four brothers born before him and at this time they were helping their father James Philando Edwards with the farm in Davis County Iowa, and with the birth of a

new son I am sure it was looked upon with great anticipation.

Within a few years James Dale Edwards was able to help around the farm, but soon afterwards with his older brothers leaving home to start their own lives he and his leftover siblings were left to help their aging and ailing father around the farm. It must be understood that James Dale Edwards father James Philando Edwards was 44 years old at the time of James D. Edwards birth and ailing in health. James Philando Edwards was growing weak and blind, I believe life for the young children was not easy, and also one should realize it wasn't easy for James P. Edwards either. There was much to do on the farm, and to support their family in the new twentieth century a family had to work very hard to purchase the ever increasing prices of goods in town. It was only a matter of time until James Philando Edwards would have to sell the farm and find something other than a large farm to support his family.

STORY: (Told to me by Johnny Leroy Edwards)
"JAMES DALE EDWARDS GETTING SHOT AS A CHILD"
TOLD BY JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS

James Dale Edwards and his brother(?) were playing in the house. Their mother had just got done putting freshly baked cookies in the cookie jar. Their mother told them to stay out of the cookie jar.

Their mother went out of sight and James Dale Edwards decided to try and get a cookie. James D. Edwards brother told him to stay out of the cookie jar, James Dale Edwards didn't listen. His brother reached for a .22 caliber rifle that was always hung on the wall. The rule of the house was the rifle must never be loaded. James Dale Edwards commenced on trying to get some cookies. His brother teasingly told him that he needed to get out of the cookie jar or he would shoot. James Dale Edwards didn't listen so his brother aimed the gun and thinking that the gun was unloaded pulled the trigger. The bullet that was shot went through James Dale Edwards head.

It was said that there was a tea cup full of brain matter and bone after the shot.

AUTHORS NOTE: Johnny Leroy Edwards said to me, (Johnny J. Edwards) that later in James Dale Edwards life you could look at James D. Edwards head and see the brain pulse where there wasn't any bone.

With James Dale Edwards father being a hard person to be around because of his demanding demeanor it wasn't very long until most of the children were getting ready to leave their home in Iowa for other places in America. In 1900 James P. Edwards and his family were still living in the Edwards home in Soap Creek Township in Davis County Iowa, but soon after 1902 when James Dale Edwards was born they left most likely for Colorado where James Philando Edwards and Flora Belle Edwards had their last child, Buelah Rae Edwards in 1907.

Around the age of 18 years of age James Dale Edwards left his home which in 1910 was in Labette County, Kansas. It was told to me by my father Johnny Leroy Edwards that there were other reasons why James D. Edwards left at the age of 18 or possibly a earlier age.

My father told me a story which had much to do with the history of James Dale Edwards and his father James Philando Edwards.

STORY: (Told to me by my father Johnny L. Edwards)

When James Dale Edwards was young he worked very hard at the family farm, and working for his father wasn't easy. James Philando Edwards from most accounts worked his children very hard, it could be understood why with the farm and house work that needed to be done every day, but James P. Edwards was labourous to his children. There was a time when James Dale Edwards youngest brother Claude C. Edwards was possibly beaten or was treated in a way that James Dale Edwards and his brother Claude decided that they had enough of the rough and in their minds uncalled for treatment so they left their home and family seeking a better life away from their father and troubles. They jumped a train and took it to where I believe to be Colorado or California. I consider California a possibility because that is where I believe James D. Edwards brother Virgil lived at this time. I also consider Colorado a possibility because that is where James D. Edwards can be found in 1922 where he met and married his wife Sallie Barneycastle. It should be remembered that between 1910 and 1920 is when James Dale Edwards left home.

James Dale Edwards married Sally Barneycastle on December 22, 1922 in Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.

Note: James Dale Edwards married his wife Sallie Barney castle on the same day "December 22" as his father James Philando Edwards married his wife Flora Belle Breeding.

James D. worked as a foundry person in the steel foundry mill in Canon City, but he also did some carpentry and other "jack of all" trades type jobs. James D. Edwards at different times went to California to work in the produce fields but always came back to Colorado. It was also told to me by my father Johnny L. Edwards that James D. was paid a \$1.00 a day cutting cord wood which contradicts with his other occupation of a foundry worker. It is possible and most likely probable that James D. worked at the foundry in Canon City and lost that job because of hard times and the only job that he could find was cutting cord wood for a \$1.00 a day. Supposedly because of the low pay that he was earning from cutting cord wood was the main reason why they left Colorado for Oregon. James D. Edwards and his family stayed in Colorado until around 1934 when they left for Oregon.

When James Dale Edwards left for Oregon with his wife Sallie and three children they left around the month of February. James D. left Colorado during the winter for unknown reasons, but what is known is that it took much courage to leave their home and travel over the Rocky mountains and the Cascade mountain range with young children and the possibilities of very cold weather and untold problems ahead.

Why did they decide to leave Colorado for Oregon? Lets take it further than that, why did they decide to leave Colorado during the latter winter months when it was known and understood that they were taking a chance with unknown hazards ahead. This was a very trying time for most families in the United States with jobs and money hard to come by. I believe James Dale Edwards decided to leave for the Northwest because he felt he had no other choice but to take this chance for the welfare and well being of his family.

The car that they used had no heat, they all packed into the car every day and rocks were heated in a stove and put in blankets and placed next to the children dressed in thick clothes, coats and blankets to keep them warm through out the long days of travel. My grandfather Dale had to patch the tires along the way many times. My father told me that by the time they arrived in Oregon the tires must have been mostly made of patch.

It was decided to go to Woodburn Oregon specifically because that is where James D. Edwards mother in law lived. When the Edwards family arrived in Woodburn Oregon they lived with Sallie's mother in a home which was across the street from the Glatt farm which was one of the few family businesses in the town of Woodburn which was not thriving but just getting bye.

James Dale Edwards was hired at the Glatt farm as a extra hand, and later to be the foreman of the Glatt farm it self. It was a short time later that James Dale Edwards purchased 13 acres of land in Woodburn and built a one room log cabin for his family to live in while they started their new lives.

With experience in the steel foundry in Canon City Colorado James Dale Edwards was hired on as a steel worker in the Salem Iron Works Foundry in Salem Oregon where he worked until his death in 1947.

JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS

JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS was born on FEBRUARY 11, 1928 in CANON CITY COLORADO, and passed away on April 12, 1993. Johnny Leroy Edwards is buried at the Willamete National Cemetery in Portland Oregon.

Johnny Leroy Edwards
married

Cleone Charf
December 26, 1950
Burlingame Oregon.

Children

1. Debra Marie
2. Pamela Ann
3. Michele Salene
4. Johnny James

I am very partial towards my fathers life, he was a loving and talented man. I learned much from my father, some things that he taught me while he was living and other things I learned after his death. My father taught me to be a man, and most of all a gentlemen.

TIME LINE FOR JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS

(See chapter 8 for sources)

-1928, February 11: Johnny L. Edwards was born in Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.

-1934: Johnny L. Edwards moved to Woodburn Oregon with his parents and siblings.

- 1944, September 8:Johnny L. Edwards became an apprentice molder and coremaker at the Salem Iron Works in Salem Oregon.
- 1946, September:Johnny L. joined the United States Navy.
- 1946:Johnny Leroy Edwards was assigned to the DESTROYER TENDER U.S.S. DIXIE (AD14).
- 1947, November 26:Johnny L. was honorably discharged from the United States Navy.
- 1948, Febuary:Johnny L. joined the Portland Post Office in Portland Oregon.
- 1950, December 26:Johnny L. Edwards married Cleone Charf.
- 1951, January 20:Johnny L. Edwards was recalled by the Navy and assigned to Pearl Harbor Hawaii to the submarine U.S.S. SEA DEVIL.
- 1953, June 23:Johnny L. Edwards was honorably discharged from the U.S. NAVY on JUNE 23, 1953.
- 1979, January 29:Johnny L. Edwards married Madolyn Mahoney.
- 1988, Febuary:Johnny L. Edwards retired from the United States Post Office after 35 years of service.
- 1993, April 12:Johnny Leroy Edwards passed away.

I was very lucky to have my father share with me many stories of his life in Woodburn Oregon while growing up.

I can't remember one mention of bad times in his childhood.

Johnny L. Edwards grew up in hard times but they were good times. Along with his older brother Albert and his sister Ruth(Petie) they had some very memorable times while living in the log cabin that his father built in Woodburn in the 1930's.

After High school my father more than anything wanted to join the Navy to serve in World War 2. After talking to his father James Dale Edwards and convincing him that this was what he wanted to do, his father James D. Edwards gave his approval and it is here that Johnny L. Edwards started his adult life.

While serving in the Navy Johnny L. Edwards father James Dale Edwards passed away. This of course was a hard time for him and his family, in the end it was very painful for Johnny L. Edwards because of his Naval deployment the Navy was not able to allow him to go home to say his goodbye to his father, this hurt my father terribly to the end of his days.

Johnny L. Edwards married Cleone Charf on December 26, 1950 and from this marriage there were four

children born.

If I could give a title to my father which I feel accurately portrays my father, it would be that he was a "Fisherman". My father was more relaxed and calm at heart while fishing and I feel that this was the real Johnny L. Edwards.

The art of fishing was a love of my fathers through out his life, all of his children were able to share this love of fishing with him, the love and interest in fishing that his children showed meant very much to my father.

Along with fishing there was camping, they both in my fathers mind went along with each other hand and hand. This was called "Edwards Camping", and everyone, friend and family new about the traditions which came with the annual event. Some of the traditions to this day still occur, Edwards Stew, tarp camping, walking in the dark with a flashlight, and most of what I remember of this is sitting around the campfire at night and listening intently to my fathers stories which molded me proudly into an image of my father.

Johnny L. Edwards had many hobbies some of which included: leather work, carving, woodworking, gardening, decorating, drawing, and stain glass work.

Later in my fathers life he tried to enjoy some of his life ambitions which were building a deck, enjoying a motor home and spending time at home enjoying his retirement.

If there was one thing that my father didn't accomplish that I know he wanted more than anything in his life was to build a work shop for woodworking and many more of his hobbies. He enjoyed talking with me about this dream, sharing his plans, telling me about the pot belly stove that would have in his mind made the shop complete.

My father was a Veteran of WW2 and the Korean War and was honorably buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland Oregon.

17 April 1783

JAMES COOLEY of Henry County to ABEL EDWARDS of the same
for the sum of one hundred fifty pounds sells and conveys
183 acres more or less on both sides of a north branch of
Snow Creek.

WIT:
PETER HODGES
HOLDEN MC GHEE
SAMUEL PATTERSON
WILLIAM (X) DELANHAM

JAMES COOLY (X).
ANN (X) COOLY
(his wife)

ABEL EDWARDS DEED HENRY COUNTY VIRGINIA 17 APRIL, 1783

DB # 1, pp. 65-66, May 9, 1786 - Dedimus

Whereas Abel Edwards hath conveyed unto Daniel Jett [?] 180a m/l. and "whereas Mary the wife of the said Edwards cannot conveniently attend our Court" to relinquish her dower to the said Tract of Land "that you cause the said Mary to appear before you & her Examine whether she does freely relinquish her right of Dower to the s'd Land without the Threats or Persuasions of her husband or not "

By Virtue of the above Dedimus to us directed we have Examined the above mentioned Mary Edwards & she doth relinquish her Right of Dower to the Said Land

Hugh Innes
Spence Clack

Recorded September 4, 1786

ABEL EDWARDS DEED FRANKLIN CO. VIRGINIA MAY 9, 1786

This Indenture Made this 31st day of April in the year of our Lord 1798 Be-
 tween Able Edwards of the one part & Thomas Jones of the other, both of the
 County of Sullivan Tennessee Witnesseth that for & in consideration of the sum
 of Sixty pounds Current money to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof
 the said Able Edwards doth hereby acknowledge have Bargained & sold in
 fee simple unto the said Thomas Jones his heirs & assigns for
 ever a certain tract of land in the County aforesaid containing fifty
 Acres more or less on the South Side of Holston River Beginning at a
 white oak thence North 15 west by picks to a Hickory thence ^{North 37th West} South 37th West to a
 buckeye thence west 63 poles to a walnut thence South 63 West 16 poles to a
 Branch thence South ^{East 63rd} 16 poles to a white oak thence North 63 East 16 poles to a
 Chestnut thence East 63 poles to a walnut thence North 37 East 37 poles
 to the Beginning together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging
 Clear of all incumbrances whatever & to be to the only use & of the said Thomas
 Jones his heirs & assigns or assigns to have & to hold unto & singular the
 aforesaid Land forever & the said Able Edwards for himself his heirs & assigns
 & assigns will & doth give & convey the said land in manner & persons aforesaid
 whatsoever unto the said Thomas Jones his heirs & assigns
 forever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal
 the day & date above mentioned.
 Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us } Able Edwards (Seal)
 Richard Glover, Jacob Cramley, John Buckles.

May Sessions 1798 the Execution of the within Deed is proven in open Court
 by the oath of Jacob Cramley & Richard Glover witnesses thereto let it be Registered
 March 16th day 1805 then Reg^d { Test - Matthew White C. C. C.
 Geo. F. F. &

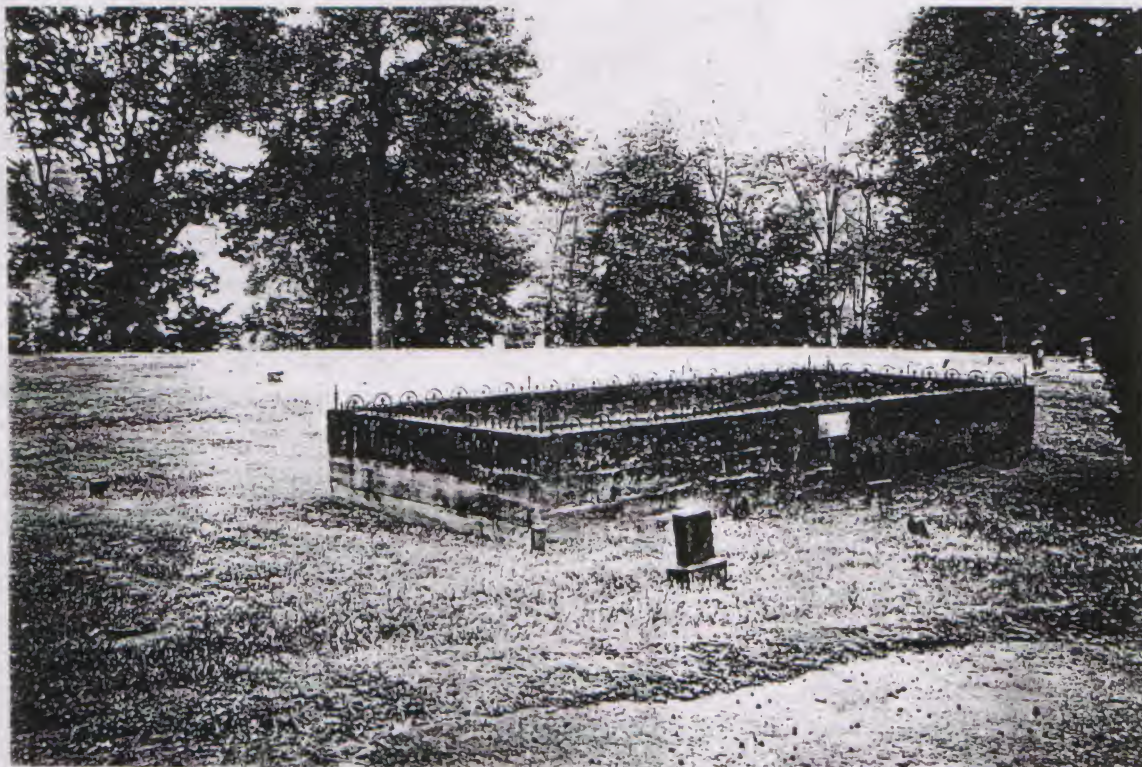
ABEL EDWARDS DEED SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE APRIL 31, 1798

This Indenture Made this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1798 Be-
 tween Able Edwards of the one part & Richard Glover of the other part both
 of the County of Sullivan & State of Tennessee Witnesseth that for &
 in consideration of the sum of Fifty pounds Current Money of the State
 of Virginia to him the S^d Able Edwards in hand paid the Receipt
 whereof the S^d Able Edwards hath hereby Acknowledged have bargained &
 Sold in fee Simple unto the above mentioned Richard Glover his heirs &
 Admin^r & assigns forever a certain Tract of land in the County aforesaid
 containing fifty Acres more or less on the South Side of Houston River
 Beginning at three gums thence South & west 90 poles to a stake
 thence north 80 west 20 poles to the River stake thence north 15 East
 40 poles to a stake thence North & west 30 poles to a branch thence South
 175 west 100 poles to Cornings line then with Cornings line to the Begin-
 ing together with all the appurtenances therunto belonging to have &
 all incumbrance whatever I do be the only use of him the S^d Richard
 Glover his heirs & assigns to have & to hold all & singular the above
 Said Land forever of the S^d Able Edwards for myself my heirs &
 Admin^r & assigns will forever defend against all manner of person or
 persons Claim or Claims whatsoever unto the S^d Richard Glover
 his heirs & Admin^r & assigns forever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & Seal the day & date above written
 Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us } Able Edwards Seal
 Thomas Jones Jacob Cornsley John Buckles

ABEL EDWARDS DEED SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE MAY 15, 1798

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BUFFALO RIDGE CEMETERY WASHINGTON COUNTY TENNESSEE



WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

This Indenture Made this twenty sixth Day of
 November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and nine Between William Scott of the County
 of Sullivan and State of Tennessee of the one Part &
 Joshua Edwards of the County and State aforesaid of the
 other Part Witnesseth that the said William Scott
 for and in consideration of the sum of ninety three Dollars
 to him in hand paid by the said Joshua Edwards the receipt
 whereof the said William Scott doth hereby acknowledge
 hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant
 bargain and sell and confirm unto the said Joshua Edwards
 his heirs and assigns a certain parcel or parcel of land containing
 fifteen and a half acres situated lying and being in the County
 of Sullivan aforesaid Beginning at the Beginning Corner of said
 Scotts original Tract then with sixty four poles or four rods
 Indian Creek along the first line of said Scotts Tract to the first corner
 thence West forty two poles and eight inches to a dogwood and
 hickory sapling thence North sixty poles to a hickory sapling
 (losing line) thence along the same to the Beginning
 together with all appurtenances to the said land or otherwise
 belonging or appertaining to hold to said Edwards the aforesaid
 land together with all the lines upon boundaries to the same
 for use and behoof of him his heirs and assigns forever in full payment of
 William Scott both the above described said parcel of land and
 the said sum of money for the said land and the same
 the said Joshua Edwards doth hereby acknowledge
 and confirm unto the said William Scott

hath hereunto set his hands and seal this day
 and year above written
 Witness
 John Scott (Seal)
 State of Tennessee Sullivan County August 21st 1811
 The Execution of this deed was acknowledged
 in open Court by William Scott party thereto at the
 Registered
 5th Sept 1811
 Just Mathew Rhea Clerk of the Court

JOSHUA EDWARDS DEED SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE NOVEMBER
 1809

The State of Tennessee January 20th 1810. I, John Edwards, Sheriff of the County of Sullivan, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is now on file in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Sullivan. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the County of Sullivan at the City of Knoxville this 20th day of January 1810.

John Edwards, Sheriff of the County of Sullivan.

By the Sheriff,

John Edwards

John Edwards is entitled to the within described tract of land.

John Edwards

The State of Tennessee January 20th 1810. I, John Edwards, Sheriff of the County of Sullivan, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is now on file in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Sullivan. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the County of Sullivan at the City of Knoxville this 20th day of January 1810.

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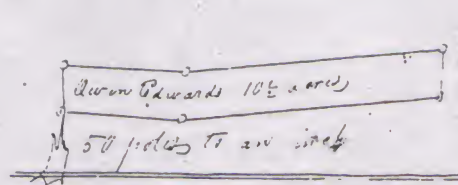
JOSHUA EDWARDS GRANT SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE JANUARY 1, 1810

Sabbath School 1858
 Preaching by A. B. McGary then
 after which attended to church business
 1. Continued the resignation
 2. dismissed Bro. Owens from
 church. A. B. McGary then
 preached from the first to the last
 Saturday Nov. 19th 1858 Preaching by Bro. McGary
 after which attended to church business
 (1) The reference of last meeting postponed till next
 (2) Bro. McGary offered his resignation as pastor as
 his term expired at this meeting and requested
 the church met. to elect him for the ensuing
 year which was granted
 Sabbath Preaching by A. B. McGary
 Saturday March - 1859
 A few of us met and heard a lecture from
 Bro. McGary and agree as the day is bad and
 the river full, we transact no business until
 our next meeting all agree to have no meet-
 ings till morning at the meeting house on the
 account of Old Father Edwards burying

HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES, MENTION OF JOSHUA
EDWARDS BURIAL IN WEAVER CEMETERY SULLIVAN COUNTY
TENNESSEE

Sabbath March 20th 1839
 Regular monthly meeting in the evening
 Bro. Edwards' last deposit into the treasury
 of our beloved brethren and sister
 Edwards then to remain until Christ
 shall make up his jewels, believing he then shall
 be triumphant and meet him in the skies
 Sabbath at George Coleman (Apr 10) Rev. M^r C^o
 preached and opened the door for the reception of
 members and received seven members by letter
 Saturday April 11th 1839
 Preaching by Bro. A. B. W. then opened the door
 for the reception of members and received two
 Wilson & wife in the also Sister F. L. Smith
 In motion of Bro. Samuel Berry that at our
 next meeting we appoint trustees for our meet-
 ing house
 Took the vote of the church for pastor and voted
 Bro. Samuel B. W. for the ensuing year
 Bro. A. B. W. moved that we appoint a committee
 to draw up resolutions suitable to the life and
 death of Brother Edwards and present them to the
 church at our next meeting. The church appointed
 A. B. W., S. Berry, R. L. H. & J. Smith
 and J. Harris for that purpose
 In the reference of long standing respecting dis-
 senting members and are that we make no general
 excommunication, but as soon as we learn they are
 exhibiting themselves, willingly and voluntarily
 we deal with them as disorderly members
 Friday May 19th 1839
 The committee with the reception of 2 or 3
 of our adopted resolutions and presented
 resolution of the church in its next meeting
 Preaching by Bro. C. W. then attended in
 Church business
 Appointed A. B. W. moderator for next

JOSHUA EDWARDS EULOGY HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES
SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



By virtue of an Entry made in the
Entry takers Office of Sullivan County Tenn
of No 1187 dated 14th of Oct. 1847 I have
surveyed 10 1/2 acres of land for Owen Edwards, in said County on
Holston river Beginning at an Elm on the North bank of Holston
river thence up the bank of said river with Long acres line
S 88° E 39 poles to two Sycamores on the bank of said river thence
up the bank of said river with his line of Isaac Jones line
N 83° E 80 poles to a stake thence crossing said river
South 14 poles to a stake on the South bank of said river
on John R Jones line thence with his line of Obadiah
Jams line S 83° W 80 poles to a stake thence with said
Jams line N 88° W 39 poles to a stake thence crossing
said river North 14 poles to the Beginning
Isaac C Leathers, Surveyor the 14th of April 1849
John Millard, cc

OWEN EDWARDS DEED SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE OCTOBER 14,
1847

12111. FREDERICK WHEELER, son of Aaron (19103). Born at Oswego, N. Y., 1826; died 1873. Married at Drakeville, Tenn.

HISTORY OF THE WHEELER FAMILY IN AMERICA

Margaret Edwards, who was born at Mountville, Tenn., June 1837, dau. of Owen Edwards and Amanda (---) Edwards.

- Children: (born at Drakeville, Tenn.)
- 12112. ELDRIDGE WHEELER, born March 23, 1845; m. at Pawnee City, Neb., Sadie Scott, b. there Dec. 3, 1847, dau. of Robert T. Scott and Annie (Rogers) Scott; Ch. 1. Eugene M. W. ---, b. Aug. 13, 1898. 2. Robert Fred. W. ---, b. 1902.
- 12113. FERNANDO WHEELER, born 1848; m. ---.
- 12114. MARY WHEELER, born 1848; m. ---.
- 12115. AMANDA WHEELER, born 1848; m. ---.

12116. AARON WHEELER, son of Aaron and Emma (Newman) Wheeler. Born at Wiltshire, Eng., Dec. 20, 1848; died Nov. 23, 1898. Married at Latton, Eng., Mary Wain, who was born there Jan. 3, 1850, dau. of Thomas Wain and Elizabeth (Roseblade) Wain.

- Children:
- 12117. ALBERT J. WHEELER, born at Grimsby, Eng., June 8, 1875; m. at Medina, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1895, Lillian May Howe, b. at Albion, N. Y., May 12, 1877, dau. of Edward Howe and Jennie (Olsen) Howe. He is an upholsterer at Madison, N. Y. Ch. 1. Leah W. ---, b. Sept. 4, 1907. 2. Roland W. ---, b. Sept. 23, 1908.
- 12118. LIZZIE WHEELER, born Oct. 8, 1877; m. James Stark, (Ch. Wain) ---, b. ---.
- 12119. EDITH WHEELER, born July 20, 1879; m. William M. ---, b. ---.
- 12120. MABEL WHEELER, born Sept. 8, 1880; m. Edmund Alderson, b. ---.
- 12121. WAIN WHEELER, born Oct. 25, 1882; m. ---.
- 12122. ADA WHEELER, born July 22, 1884; m. William Stark, b. ---.

12123. AARON CLAPLIN WHEELER, Born in Greene Co., N. Y., Nov. 4, 1811. Married at Pittsford, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1836, Mary Etta Colt, who was born at Pittsford, N. Y., and died Oct. 7, 1872.

- Children: (born at Pittsford, Monroe Co., N. Y.)
- 12124. HENRY WHEELER, born Dec. 7, 1837; d. 1st ---.
- 12125. SUSAN WHEELER, born Aug. 1841; d. 1st ---.
- 12126. CHARLES L. WHEELER, born Sept. 11, 1843; m. at Rochester, N. Y., April 14, 1864, Mary Jane Fowler, b. there April 15, 1846, dau. of John Fowler and Sarah (Belger) Fowler. Ch. 1. Cora Amelia W. ---, b. Oct. 4, 1866; m. James P. Sherman, Ch. 1. Charles Wheeler S. ---, b. June 8, 1868; d. June 18, 1892. 2. Stella S. ---, b. April 10, 1900. 3. Howard S. ---, b. June 24, 1902.

- 12127. EDWARD WHEELER, born Dec. 9, 1844; m. ---.
- 12128. GEORGE ALBERT WHEELER, born March 18, 1852; m. ---.

12129. AARON REED WHEELER, son of Caleb and Rachel (---) Wheeler. Born at Blackstone, Mass., May 27, 1806; died May 11, 1871. Married Sarah Watson Stevenson, who was born Nov. 7, 1813; died Sept. 20, 1909. Res. Waterville, N. Y.

- Children:
- 12130. JAMES EDWIN WHEELER, b. 1836; m. Annie Wood Skala, Ch. ---.

1. George Wheeler Born Oct 25 1862
2. Alfred J. Wheeler Born Sept 1867

OWEN EDWARDS MENTIONED IN "A HISTORY OF THE WHEELER FAMILY IN AMERICA"



OWEN EDWARDS HEADSTONE DRAKESVILLE CEMETERY DRAKESVILLE
TOWNSHIP DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

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our inquiries numbered 1, 14, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to Indians. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in St. Louis River Township, in the County of St. Louis of Mo., enumerated by me on the 2nd day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Blountfield Mo. J. W. Eschelberger, Asst. Marshal. 69

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 8 | | 10 | 11 | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | | | 20 |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 3 | 4 | | | |
| The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family. | | | Description. | | | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female. | Value of Real Estate owned. | | Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth. | Parentage. | | U. S. born within the year last ended (Jan. 1st, 1870, to Jan. 1st, 1871). | U. S. born within the year last ended (Jan. 1st, 1870, to Jan. 1st, 1871). | Foreign born within the year last ended (Jan. 1st, 1870, to Jan. 1st, 1871). | Education. | Whether deaf and dumb, blind, lame, or idiotic. | CENSITATIONAL QUALIFICATION. | | | | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 120 | 120 | Gascon Elizabeth | 35 | 7 | M | Keeping house | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Kerner | 19 | M | M | Working for | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — William | 14 | M | M | " | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Newton | 11 | 7 | M | " | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Lucy | 9 | M | M | " | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — John | 4 | 7 | M | " | | | Indiana | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Samuel | 7/2 | 7 | M | " | | | Mo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | 121 | Edmund William | 40 | 7 | M | Preacher | 1000 | 00 | Germany | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Henry E. | 24 | 7 | M | Keeping house | | | Germany | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Amanda | 10 | 7 | M | " | | | Mo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — James | 12 | 7 | M | " | | | Mo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — John | 7 | 7 | M | " | | | Mo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | — Emma | 7 | 2 | M | " | | | Mo. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS 1870 FEDERAL CENSUS

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Schedule I - Inhabitants in the County of Polk State of Iowa

enumerated by me on the 14 day of June, 1880.

W. S. Edwards

| No. | Name | Age | Sex | Color | Profession, Occupation, or Trade | Place of Birth | Married | Single | Widowed | Divorced | Deceased |
|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-------|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1 | John P. | 42 | M | W | Farmer | Iowa | | | | | |
| 2 | Dea M. | 42 | M | W | Farmer | Iowa | | | | | |
| 3 | Samuel L. | 42 | M | W | Farmer | Iowa | | | | | |
| 4 | Mary L. | 42 | F | W | Farmer | Iowa | | | | | |

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS 1880 FEDERAL CENSUS

Estate of W & E Edwards

In the district Court
of Davis County Iowa
comes now I
A Snyder administrator, of said
estate, and for a report of
the administration of said
estate says

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| I have received from the sale | |
| of 50 ^{bu} oats at 23 cts per bu | \$ 11,50 |
| of J N & J. R. Kuttery on note | 40,00 |
| W F Johnson on acct, | 62,65 |
| Louis Siler on acct | 10,00 |
| Sale of 34 bu wheat com 40 cts | 13,60 |
| 58. bu 1860 wheat oats 25 cts | 14,64 |
| 1 Stack Hay, wheat | 14,00 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 165,39</u> |

I have paid out as follows

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Taxes of 1880 | \$ 13,40 |
| for Barb wire on order of Court | 21,00 |
| Monument | 18,50 |
| My commission | 8,31 |
| Counsel fees W & E | 5,00 |
| for my service extra of commission | 7,00 |
| Clerks fees | 4,25 |
| | <u>\$ 77,46</u> |
| Paid funeral expense in Kansas | 50,00 |
| | <u>127,46</u> |

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS PROBATE RECORDS

Amount of debit not over \$166.39
 debit credit not over $\frac{12749}{\$3893}$
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I have been unable to get
 a voucher for the money paid
 on funeral expenses in Kansas
 or to even get the claim properly
 authenticated. The payment was
 made under the following cir-
 cumstances. deceased died
 while temporarily absent in Kansas
 and his funeral expenses were
~~advanced by his son in law~~
 vouched for by ^{Mr. Dixon} his son in law
 who wrote me that he was about
 to be paid for the money and
 would be put to costs if it was
 not paid. I forwarded to E. S.
 Edwards, son of dec, a claim
 to be shown to by said Dixon
 and a draft to cover the amount
 on the claim being shown to
 with instructions to turn the draft
 over when it was shown to, Mr E. S.
 Edwards for some reason turned
 the draft over to Dixon without
 getting the claim shown to and

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS PROBATE RECORDS

he consulted an attorney here
in Kansas and for some
reason was advised not
to make the oath to the claim,
and I am so far unable
to get Dixon's affidavit to the
claim but can get R. S. Edwards
affidavit and the affidavit
of the parties who furnished
the goods for the funeral;

I ask the court to make
me an extra allowance to cover
expense. The estate was
about 12 or 13 miles from
Bloomfield and 6 miles from
my residence and the commission
will scarcely cover actual
expense in travelling to look
after the business. I will forward
in due time vouchers to cover the
items set out as credits.
There is a claim for \$35-50 in
favor of Jas P Edwards still
pending, which I ask further
time to investigate

- Jas P Edwards son
to William S. Edwards

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS PROBATE RECORDS

Jas P Edwards
 son to William
 S Edwards

In The District Court
 of Davis County Iowa

James P. Edwards
 vs.
 S A Zenger as
 claim of the Estate of
 W. S. E. Edwards

Plaintiff claims of
 the Estate of deceased the
 sum of Thirty Five Five Dollars
 for rent collection by deceased
 Frank Wallace Moore for a
 dwelling house in Stockton
 Kansas in the year 1887
 at \$8 per month - 4 mos rent \$32.00
 for ... paid J Moore for
 livery service at ... 3.50
 of deceased
 I claim for rent for
 ask that said claim be
 allowed

Jos. P. Edwards.
 Subscribed and sworn to before
 me and in view of
 by Jas P Edwards this 21st day
 of 1887 - Notary Public for
 Iowa.

- Jas P Edwards
 son to William S.
 Edwards

WILLIAM S. EDWARDS PROBATE RECORDS



WILLIAM S. EDWARDS PHOTO



WILLIAM S. EDWARDS HEADSTONE ORLEANS CEMETERY
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP APPANOOSE COUNTY IOWA

License Issued, For the Marriage of James P. Edwards
and Miss Alice Breeding on the testimony of Wm. Scott & W. Phelan
as to their competent age and condition with license being in the words and figures following, to-wit

OFFICE OF CLERK County COURT.

STATE OF IOWA, Davis County, ss.

LICENSE IS HEREBY GRANTED, To any person authorized to solemnize Marriages, according to the laws of said State,
to join in Marriage James P. Edwards and Alice Breeding
of the County aforesaid; and the person joining them in Marriage is also required to make due return of the Certificate annexed,
to the Court, within ninety days, of the names of the parties, time and place of Marriage, and by whom solemnized.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my Office
in Bloomfield, in said County, this 21 day of December A. D. 1884

{seal}

W. H. Hodge Clerk of said Court

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

To the ^{DISTRICT} Circuit Court of Davis County:

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 22 day of Dec A. D. 1884, at
Bloomfield in said County, according to law, and by authority, I duly joined in Marriage
Mr James P. Edwards and Miss Alice Breeding
Given under my hand, the 23 day of Dec A. D. 1884

Th. L. Spence M. C. Minister
Returned and filed on the 24 day of December A. D. 1884

JAMES P. EDWARDS MARRIAGE LICENSE DECEMBER 22, 1889

CERTIFICATE OF VITAL RECORD
STATE OF COLORADO

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STATE OF COLORADO
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Essex Registration District No. 75 Registered No. 223 59
City Canon City No. County Hospital

2. FULL NAME James P. Edwards

(a) Residence, No. County Hospital (Usual place of abode)
(b) Date of death (month, day and year) Dec 25 1938

3. PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX Male 2. COLOR OR RACE White 3. MARRIAGE STATUS Widowed
4. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Dec 19 1858
5. AGE 80 6. SEX Male 7. IF LIVES 10
8. Trade, profession, or occupation Retired Farmer
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD WHICH IS IN MY CUSTODY

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DATE ISSUED SEP 29 1992

JOSEPH D. CANNON
STATE REGISTRAR

Do not accept unless prepared on security paper with engraved border displaying the Colorado State seal and signature of the Registrar. PENALTY BY LAW, Section 25-2-118, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1962, if any person alters, uses, attempts to use or furnishes to another for deceptive use any vital statistics record, NOT VALID IF PHOTOCOPIED.

JAMES P. EDWARDS DEATH CERTIFICATE DECEMBER 25, 1938



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS WEDDING PHOTO 1888



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS AND SON'S JAMES DALE AND CLAUDE
C. EDWARDS POST 1902



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS PHOTO



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS AND UNKNOWN CHILD



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS "OLD HOME" 1995 SOAP CREEK
TOWNSHIP DAVIS COUNTY IOWA



CANON CITY FREMONT COUNTY COLORADO HOSPITAL/POOR FARM
WHERE JAMES P. EDWARDS SPENT HIS LAST YEARS AND DIED

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| Aug 19 | J. P. Edwards | Amer. | Iowa | 1919 |
| " | 23 Mary M. Walker | " | Colo. | 1918 |
| " | 23 Dollie E. Walker | " | " | 1918 |
| " | 26 Cecil Young | " | " | 1918 |
| " | 31 Freda Killingsbeck | Amer. | Mich. | 1921 |
| " | 31 Chas. S. Killingsbeck | " | Colo. | 1921 |
| Sept 1 | Charley W. Mueller | Germany | Germany | 1919 |
| " | 2 Frank Dupire | Amer. | Okla. | 1927 |
| " | 6 Frank Jenkins | " | Colo. | 1919 |
| " | 11 John A. Keller | German | Penn. Erie | 1920 |
| " | 20 S. B. Whisenand | " | Iowa | 1901 |
| " | 24 Moss Davis | repeated | Welsh | 1864 |

69 Male Blind -

LEDGER POOR FARM FREMONT COUNTY COLORADO
JAMES P. EDWARDS

Death Claims Aged Man at Christmas Feast at Hospital

Death was a guest at the turkey-laden table at the county farm Christmas noon, and at the height of the gay holiday meal J. P. Edwards, 80-year-old blind former hard-rock miner, collapsed of a heart attack and died within a few moments.

Mr. Edwards had eaten half of his dinner when he suddenly straightened up as though stricken with a sharp pain. A moment later he slumped in his chair and was dead by the time the other diners reached him.

Mr. Edwards was apparently in good health. He had not complained of feeling ill and had been at breakfast as usual Sunday morning.

The sudden death of Mr. Edwards threw a pall over the other residents of the county farm and the majority did not complete their dinner. The annual Christmas afternoon social dinner was cancelled.

He had been a resident of the farm since a powder blast at a county mine years ago brought total blindness. He had been a resident of the county farm about a year prior to the celebration.

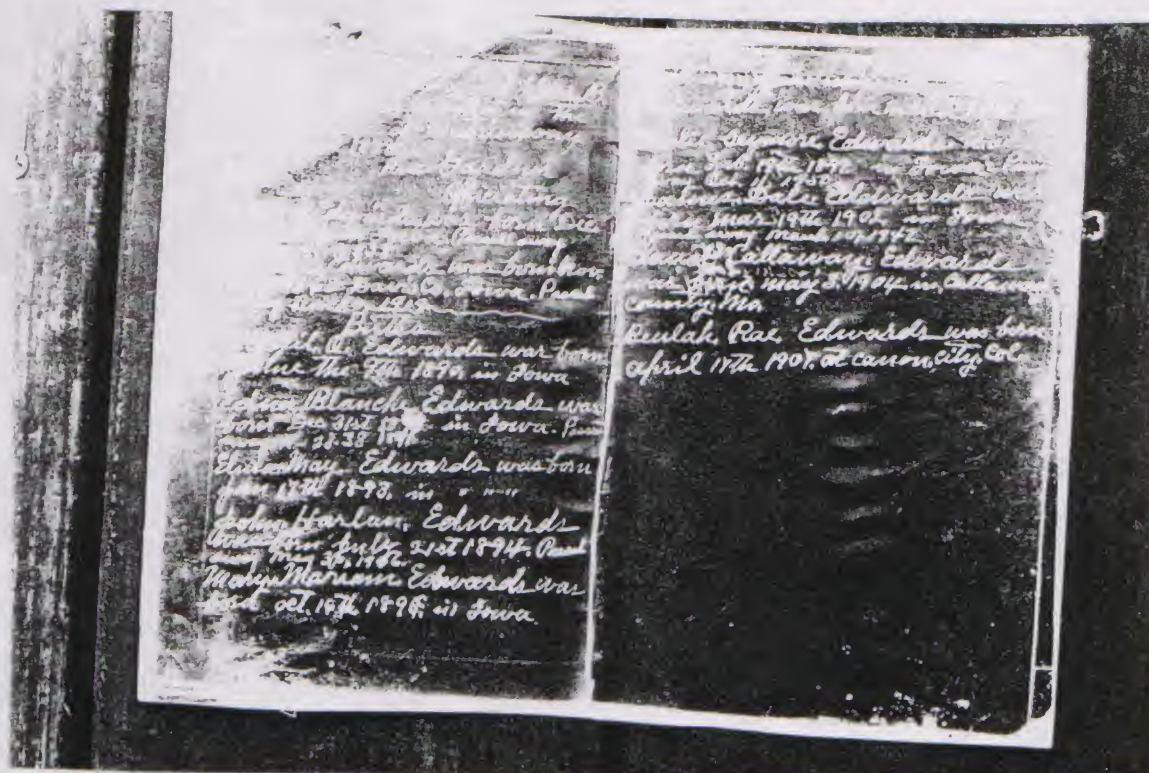
Mr. Edwards was born in Atunaw Iowa on December 15, 1858. He celebrated his 80th birthday only 12 days ago.

He is survived by a son, Claude, Colorado Springs, and a daughter, Beulah, of Norwalk, Calif. His body will be forwarded by the Wilson undertaking to Whittier, Calif., a town home for burial.

JAMES P. EDWARDS OBITUARY

FATHER
JAMES P. EDWARDS
1868 — 1938
AT REST

JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS HEADSTONE OLIVE LAWN MEMORIAL
GARDENS CEMETERY, LA MIRADA CALIFORNIA



JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS



JAMES DALE EDWARDS PHOTO



JAMES DALE EDWARDS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE DECEMBER 22,
1922

James G. Edwards Dies

James Gale Edwards of Woodburn died while at work in an iron foundry in Salem Monday. Announcement of funeral services will be made later by Ringo mortuary.

He was born in Iowa, March 19, 1902. He came to Woodburn from Colorado 11 years ago and had made his home north of Woodburn.

He is survived by his wife Sallie, two sons, Albert J. at home and John Leroy with the United States navy, one daughter, Ruth Emily of Portland, two brothers and a sister in California.

JAMES DALE EDWARDS OBITUARY MARCH 13, 1947

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

OREGON STATE HEALTH DIVISION
CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

1937-1544
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Oregon State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics

Standard Certificate of Death
2831 STATE OF OREGON 27.1544

State File No. 103
Local Registrar's No.

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Marion
(b) City or town Salem
(c) Name of hospital or institution No
(d) Length of stay in hospital or institution 1 Day in state 11 Yrs

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Oregon (b) County Marion
(c) City or town Woodburn (Rural)
(d) Street No 2 1/2 Miles North Rt. #1
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. ? 94A

3. (a) FULL NAME James Dale Edwards
(b) If veteran, No (c) Social Security No. 540-38-2695
(d) Color or race White (e) Single, widowed, married, divorced Married
(f) Name of husband or wife Sallie Edwards (g) Age of husband or wife 42 years
(h) Birth date of deceased March 19 1902
(i) Age: Years 44 Months 9 Days 21 (j) Sex Male

4. (a) Birth place Iowa
(b) Usual occupation Iron Molder
(c) Industry or business Poundry
(d) Name J. P. Edwards
(e) Birth place Bell Breding
(f) Maiden name Bell Breding
(g) Birth place Bell Breding

5. (a) Interment's own signature Wm. J. D. Edwards
(b) Address Woodburn Oreg Rt #1
(c) Burial Burial (d) Date thereof 3-17-47
(e) Place of burial or cremation Belmont Salem
(f) Signature of funeral director J. Milverberg
(g) Address Woodburn Oreg.
(h) Date Mar 11-47 (i) Signature W. J. D. Edwards (j) Date signed 3-17-47

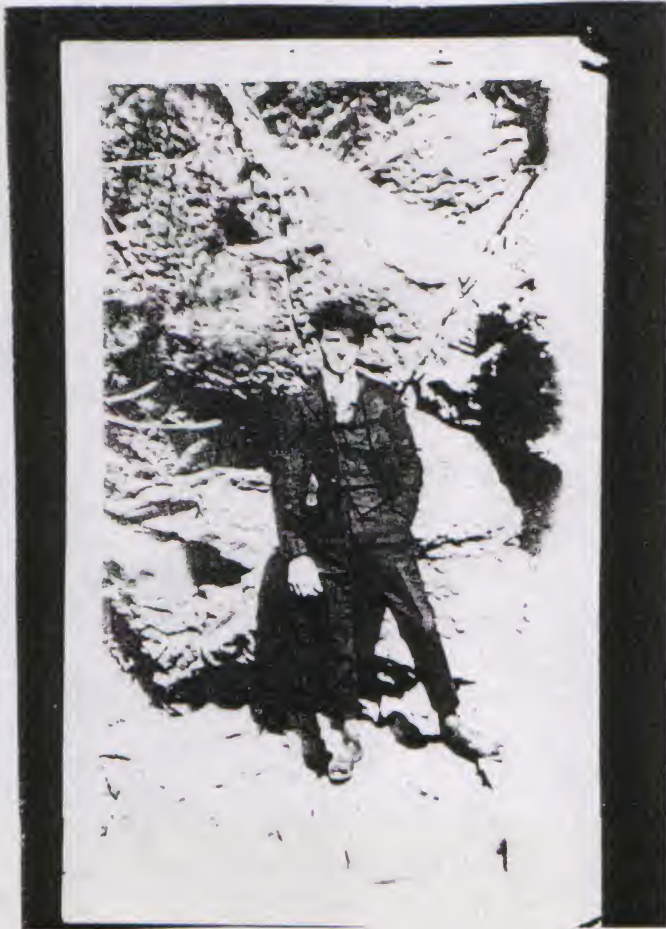
6. (a) Date of death: Month March day 10 year 1947 hour 2 minutes 00 P.M.
(b) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from March 10 to March 10, 1947; that I last saw him alive on March 10, 1947; and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
(c) Immediate cause of death Cerebral Thrombosis
(d) Underline the cause to which death should be charged Cerebral Thrombosis
(e) If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(f) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) no
(g) Date of occurrence
(h) Where did injury occur? at home
(i) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?
(j) While at work? no (k) Means of injury
(l) Signature W. J. D. Edwards (M.D. or other) W. J. D. Edwards Date signed 3-17-47
(m) Signature W. J. D. Edwards Date signed 3-17-47

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE, FULL AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN THE VITAL RECORDS UNIT OF THE OREGON STATE HEALTH DIVISION.

DATE ISSUED MAR 27 1992

EDWARD J. JOHNSON II
COUNTY REGISTRAR

JAMES DALE EDWARDS DEATH CERTIFICATE MARCH 10, 1947



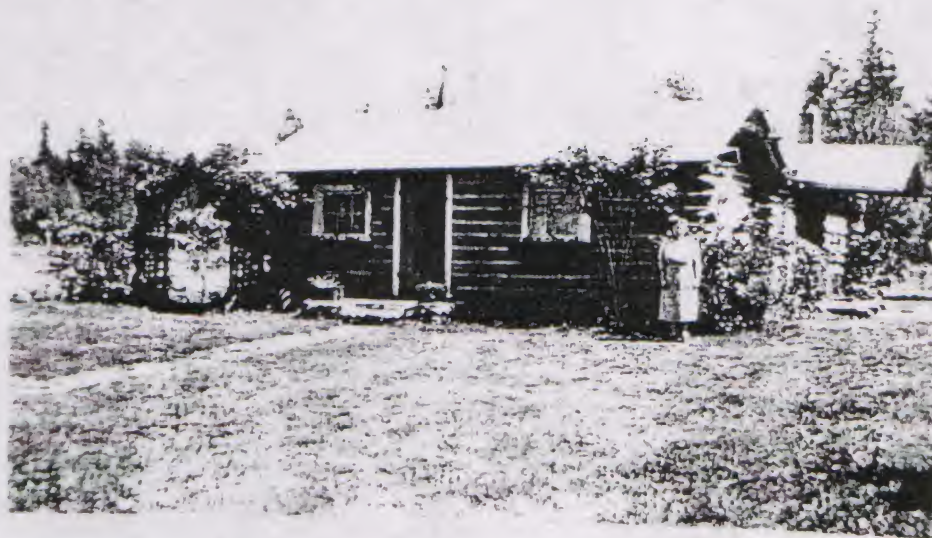
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JAMES DALE EDWARDS LOG CABIN WOODBURN OREGON



JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS PHOTO

V. EDWARDS LORE

The Edwards surname is not the easiest name to research. There were Edwards families in pre-colonial America many years before Independence Day July 4, 1776. To find out just how popular the Edwards surname is now just go and look in any local phone book and count how many Edwards there are in your town.

The name of Edwards was first widely used by very popular English kings of their time, Edward the Martyr (962-979), and Edward the Confessor (1004-1066).

In old England around the 13th-15th century most families named their children with only a given or Christian name without a last name. There was no need to have last names or surnames at this time in history. Most people of England and Wales were of farming class and of the poor. With the coming of churches keeping track of birth, marriages, and deaths, and Royal taxes imposed on the farming class increased the need for more control over the people in England so this helped the coming of the use of surnames.

For an example of how people were referred to during this time. A farmer who might be from the town Glamorgan Wales and had the given name or Christian name of Edward would have been known as "Edward of Glamorgan". If he had a son by the name of Edward this son would have been known as, "Edward, son of Edward of Glamorgan". This in time would have been combined later as Edward son of Edward, Edward Edwardson, then finally Edward Edwards.

The name Edwards and its variations can be found in other countries besides England and Wales. France has "Edourd", Spain has "Duarte", Sweden has "Edvardsson", as variations of the surname of Edwards.

RESEARCHING THE EDWARDS NAME

I believe now that the Edwards name is one of the most difficult names to research. There are several reason for the difficulty in researching for our Edwards ancestors.

The Edwards surname is very popular and with so many Edwards out there and many of them having overlapping given names such as Abel, and Owen,

finding some of these family lines is like the old adage, "It's like finding a needle in a haystack".

Let's take my research on my 2nd great grandfather William S. Edwards born in 1829 Sullivan Co. Tennessee for example. To find him in the 1860 federal census I first had to figure out in what state to look. I new that his grandson James Dale Edwards was born in Davis Co. near Belknap Iowa. I made an educated guess and started searching for William Edwards in Davis County. He wasn't there so I decided to look at the census Index for Iowa. There was more than a dozen William Edwards mentioned in the index, but because I new that his grandson was born in Davis County I chose to look for William Edwards in the closest county to Davis County which was Appanoose County. There was only one William Edwards in Appanoose County so I felt that had to be him, well it wasn't. I noticed in the index for Iowa there was a mention of a W.S.E. Edwards in Appanoose County, I viewed this record and behold there was my 2nd Great Grandfather W.S.E. Edwards.

Just because you have an easy name to research sometimes your ancestors leave little road blocks like using initials when you would expect them to use their real name. There are many more ironic things that have happened in my research while researching different families. I will go into detail about these in the specific family chapters later on in the following volumes.

In many cases our ancestors moved to states that were not soundexed and if the person who is performing the research doesn't know the county to research it will be very difficult to research all of the counties within a state. In many cases I have encountered this problem and I had to leave the specific research to a later time when and if I find some more information which would pin point the county which I should research.

As I said earlier I feel the Edwards name is one of the most difficult names to research and the last 200 years have proven this to be true.

In 1705 the Queen of England gave a grant to the Trinity Church Corporation to build a church on what is now known as Manhattan Island New York. The island was known as "Mannahata" at this time and the area that was later built upon by Trinity Church Corporation was known as "Queen's Farm". This land grant was the start of the BORGARDUS\JANS\EDWARDS\HALL quest for the forgotten, and in my opinion the non-existent EDWARDS FORTUNE.

There are two different versions concerning the rightful heirs to the land which Trinity Church now stands in Manhattan Island New York. I will first pursue the early claims against the church and then go into some detail concerning the Edwards Fortune.

Around the year {14}1668 the family of Borgardus sold the land which the Trinity Church now stands to Governor Lovelace of Dominie's Hook. It was this purchase that caused the Borgardus clan to pursue which they felt rightfully belonged to them.

In 1738 the descendants of Anneke Jans Borgardus started their pursuit for the rights to the land where the Trinity Church was built. The Borgardus descendants felt that the land was illegally inherited, and for this reason they were entitled to the land and the benefits which came from the owning of the said land. It wasn't until 1785 that the Borgardus claims against the Trinity Church ceased because of a before unknown record of transfer from the descendants of Anneke Jans Borgardus to Governor Lovelace.

Unlike the Borgardus claim against Trinity Church, the Edwards Fortune really has no actual paper proof which ties any Edwards to the land which Trinity Church was built.

The whole Edwards Fortune business is complete folklore with portions of the true facts. There are many versions to this story and for the most part they are alike.

This is how most of the versions of the story go.

Thomas Edwards according to some sources was born in Wales and was supposedly the shipmaster of the ship Society. Thomas Edwards married Elizabeth Hall in 1660 and had one child by the name of Robert Edwards 1663-1736, he married Margaret Culen(Cuslin) in 1685 and their child Thomas Nathaniel Edwards 1690-1781 married Isabelle Downing in 1714. They supposedly had eight children. The oldest child of this union was named Robert Edwards 1716-1806.

Three sons of Thomas Nathaniel Edwards, Robert, John and Jacob Edwards is believed to have come to the colonies around 1750.

Thomas Nathaniel Edwards son Robert Edwards was supposedly the person who started the Edwards Fortune folklore by leasing land in New York (where Trinity Church is now standing) and after 99 years having the land revert back to his siblings ancestors.

The lease that adds to the story goes like this.

...Know all men by these presents that I Robert Edwards on this day lease to John and George Cruger, 77 acres 3 rods and 32 beginning at a stake set in the ground at hiwater mark near Bestouers Kittle, and running east along Brice Street 1000 feet thence northwesternly in a zig zag course along part of old Jane land to Christopher Street to highwater mark lines 2,276 feet to a point and place of beginning. Said land being leased for 99 years at one thousand pounds and a perriar corn yearly. Rental of said land to be held by said John and George Cruger and their heirs, and at the expiration shall revert to my living heirs which will be descendants of my living heirs, which are as follows: William, John, Martha, Joshan and Thomas Edwards.

Witness my hand and seal on this June 1, 1778
signed: Robert Edwards/John Cruger, and George
Cruger

witness: Anthony Barclay and Nicholas Bayard

NOTE: This author hasn't seen this lease, and as of this publication the above lease is undocumented. The above lease was supposedly stolen out of the court house in New York many years ago.

The sources of the ancestry of the above mentioned Robert Edwards came from old letters concerning the Edwards Heirs. One can never know where the authors of these letters received their sources, but ironically they basically all have the same account of the history which some Edwards descendants have used in the past to so call "prove" their descendancy from the above Robert Edwards.

I have had read many sources concerning the EDWARDS FORTUNE in New York City. When I first heard about the "FORTUNE" I was very much intrigued with the thought of an Edwards family fortune in New York. My mind went crazy with excitement with the thought, "I wonder if my ancestors were the original family who were entitled to the "FORTUNE".

Many Edwards descendants in the past have tried very hard to prove their ties to the Robert Edwards mentioned in the lease to the Crugers in 1778, some of these people are distant cousins to this Edwards family.

With the great interest in the Edwards Fortune in the 1920's Edwards Heirs Inc. was established to keep interested Edwards families informed with the ongoing legal pursuits to capture the land on Manhattan Island

New York. Between the years 1925-1926 a magazine by the name of Edwards Heirs began their monthly publication. This magazine was very popular with Edwards descendants and unfortunately began the onslaught of some bogus and poorly done research of people trying to prove their ancestry to the Robert Edwards who supposedly leased the Trinity land. In some cases the family information that was sent into the Edwards Heirs magazine were sincere family ancestries, but in some were not and the poorly done research just added to the confusion to the Edwards ancestry and the Edwards fortune.

AUTHORS NOTE:Below is an account of different letters and excerpts found from my research from different sources which have been written through out the years concerning the "Edwards Fortune".

-THE COURIER JOURNAL AUGUST 15, 1895

...M.S. Edwards was looking through an old hair trunk belonging to his grandfather after the latter was dead and in the search found a number of valuable documents which told among other things were the papers showing that a lease had been made could be found. The lease, the papers said, was in one of the English courts. He lost no time in gathering together money and going over to England. He made a thorough search and his zeal was rewarded by the discovery of the documents. These and other documents bearing on the case he brought to America and went to work on the case from this side. He was within six months of getting together all the data on which to bring suit or with which to force a compromise when he died. Mrs. Leachman said his experiences during his search were varied and costly. After he deposited the documents in one of the New York courts and went back to consult them he was startled to learn that they had been stolen. Three men who lived in Canada, one of whom claimed to be a heir, it was asserted, had purloined the valuable papers. They went into the clerks office to look over the records, and while he was busied about something else one of them tore the records out of the book. A handy Scotchman was peeping in at the door at the time and saw the man as he tore the leaf from the book and shoved it hastily into his inside pocket....The search for these papers extended over months, and the exposure Edwards was subjected to in hunting up the documents hastened his death. He found them, however, and deposited them in another court...Mrs. Leachman determined to go on to New York

and act as her own lawyer. She finally got off last spring, and was in New York state for about five months following up clues. She finally found all the papers bearing on the case and had copies made of them, which she has in her possession now...she(Mrs. Leachman) Has succeeded in bringing about a compromise with the New York authorities for half the value of the Estate...The estate included the whole of Broadway in New York, and estates of the Stewarts, Vanderbilts and others encroach upon it. Besides the property in New York the heirs claim the town of Aberdeen, Ohio, 1,000 acres along the Hudson, and a great part of Jersey City and Troy, N.Y....

-The Atlanta Journal Feb. 22, 1925

...Edwards Heirs Inc., probably will concentrate their efforts on Property on the east side of Broadway which includes Wall Street,...The properties embraced in the three claims total about 69 acres of land in lower Manhattan, eighteen blocks long and six wide. Various estimates as to its value have been made, running from three to six billion dollars...When the alleged lease expired in 1871, no one appeared to claim the land, and the property passed out of the hands of the Edwards Clan...On November 28 the Secretary of State for South Carolina announced that a Charter had been granted to the Edwards Heirs, Inc., With a Capital Stock of 10,000...

-Press Register July 6, 1947

...England's Queen Anne, back in 1704, made a land grant to Trinity Church and the Parish...

...On Nov. 20, 1642, Gov. William Kiefft of the Dutch West Indies Co. Granted a tract of land to one Thomas Hael, or Hall or Hales(spelling was pretty vague in those days). Eighteen years later, his only child, Elizabeth, married a Thomas Edwards, described as Captain of the Ship "Society". Their only child, Robert Edwards was born in 1662.

Thomas Edwards had taken his oath of allegiance to the British Crown, when Nieuw Amsterdam became New York, and, the claimants say, his land grant was verified and regularized.

The son, Robert, married a girl named Margaret Cuelin, or Curlin, in 1685, had a son named Thomas, in 1690. They lived on the family homestead until around 1704. Then Robert Edwards and his family went to wales to live. The heirs say that Robert leased the farm to a couple of brothers named Cruger.

Meanwhile, Trinity Church was going through its growing pains. The Little Church which was to become a New York landmark had received a charter in 1697 and just about the time Robert Edwards left the country, Queen Anne granted the church some property known as The Queens Farm.

Methods of measuring land were rather casual and the courts seem to believe that the Edwards and Trinity tracts overlapped at points.

Ever since Trinity has been dogged by claimants for the lands granted long before the revolution. Until the middle of the nineteenth century, descendants of the original owners of the Queen's Farm constantly tried to establish claim to Trinity property, their efforts increasing as land values soured. A court decision flatly and firmly dismissing their contentions finally brought those cases to a close.

Then, in 1925 the Edwards Heirs got rolling. The first ones were Canadians. Another group of Canadian claimants filed in the 1930's, and this case was finally determined by U.S. Dist. Court Judge Robert Patterson, now Secretary of War.

The Heirs maintained that Robert Edwards never had relinquished his rights to the property and that Trinity had annexed more than the land named in the Queen's grant.

Judge Patterson dismissed the action, stating that it was doubtful if this contention was true, but even if it were, the plaintiffs were guilty of "gross laches," a legal term meaning that they had waited too long before pressing their claims. The U.S. Supreme court declined to review the decision...

-Evening Press Feb. 2, 1953

...Mr. Sharpe said the "Whole thing started back in about 1768 when the Dutch Government gave a grant of land about 77 acres to a man named John Edwards in New York. One of the Edwards's daughters married Grove Sharpe, Sr., "a fifth grandparent of Mr. Sharpe., "Mr. Sharpe explained and as a result he and several Hundred other Sharpes are entitled to a portion of the holding of the vast estate.

What's more, he said, there are papers and documents to prove it, even including a document signed by the Queen of England giving official approval of the land grant to John Edwards.

...Before the original John Edwards died, Mr. Sharpe said, he leased it to a couple of brothers, George and John Cruger, for 99 years for a 1,000 pounds

a year and pepper corn. Pepper CORN...Was a common expression of that day which meant nothing.

As the story goes, the Cruger Brothers in turn leased a site of the property to the Trinity church in New York. The last lease on the property, about 50 years ago, was signed among other, by Mathew Sharpe, a G.G, uncle of Mr. Sharpe in Savannah.

Mr. Sharpe said the last lease expired on January 1, 1952.

...All of the money that has been collected from the property holdings since it was leased to the Trinity Church has been deposited to the account of the estate, Mr. Sharpe said.

...The Sharpe's and the Edwards's are not at odds in their battle to gain possession of the holdings, Mr. Sharpe pointed out, "but are working together" in the matter.

This author has made the following observations concerning the Bogardus situation and how it is related to the Edwards Heirs of this century.

There are many similarities between the Bogardus and Edwards claim to the same area. Like it was explained before, the history that surrounds the Bogardus claim and Trinity Church has some hints of truth to it, unlike the Edwards Fortune situation which has more folklore attributions than documented historical fact. It is believed by this author that the Edwards involvement in this situation was some how helped along by the long ago claim by the Bogardus family to the land in New York.

With the Edwards Fortune other than the supposed grant given to Robert Edwards there can not be found any "paper proof" of the tie to the land which Trinity Church of New York stands today.

The point I want to make here is that this time in our history "EDWARDS HEIRS" was very important because of how it effected our Edwards history and other Edwards families out there trying to do their own research on their Edwards ancestors. The Edwards Fortune controversy was in my opinion the major reason for the difficulty which we now face in researching the Edwards family in America.

There are a few instances of our distant cousins in this Edwards family that have tried to prove their ancestry with intentions of receiving the non-existent Edwards Fortune. Nothing ever came of these pursuits,

all that was accomplished by these endeavors was the clouding of our ancestry.

Even as I sit here and write these words there are groups as far as Britain who are gathering and trying to organize an attempt to disprove the Trinity Church's rightful ownership of the land which so many people have tried to prove as their own.

Johnny Edwards,

Thank you for your letter. Time goes on. I have to correct a couple of things from my last letter.

Abel is not a common name in Wales or was not as far as I can tell in the 1851 Census (Sorry that was an error if I wrote 1841). Llanferris is a place where some Edwards families lived, their records according to the map obtained from the Genealogical Society (It was published by The Institute for Heraldic and Genealogical studies Northgate, Canterbury, Kent in 1983) go back to 1586. The place of most of GrGrFathers family births are from 1860 onward and are named in my family's bible as having been born in Llanarmon. That place has public records going back to 1674. I will go to North Wales as soon as I can. The 2% census shows some clues. I have some difficulty walking, its a hangover from injuries sustained during my life. That has hampered me in some of the research on GrGFather's date of birth. However I have joined the North Wales FHS and hope to go there quite soon.

The information on the coming Conference: It is now to be held at The Periquito Chesford Grange Hotel, Chesford Bridge, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, on Sunday 25th June. The arrangements are later to suit the people who will be addressing the meeting. They are to be introduced by Phillip Berrill the independent TV producer who was involved with the BBC Good Fortunes program, both he and the BBC were overwhelmed by the response from people over here interested in the Edwards Millions story. The Researcher who greatly assisted with searches at Kew Public Record Office is Betty Thompson, she appeared with Philip Burrell on the last "Family Fortunes Program"

Philip Berrill will introduce Cleome Foore, the President of the American Edwards Heirs Association and also Attorney John Smarto. There will be time for questions and full answers. These people are giving there time. Cost of tickets are to cover out of pocket expenses in organising and presenting the conference. The aim of these three people is to bring about a full political investigation into the Edwards affair by the British and American Authorities. There is new evidence found at Kew by Betty Thompson the researcher named above. They believe with the support of the media that that is a realistic target to aim for in 1995.

There are plans for newsletter subscribers, relatives and friends who may be interested to go as an escorted travel group to New York in October. To the legendary land of Manhattan and to join in handing over the material collected by viewers listeners and readers to the Authorities in New York. Hopefully on the steps of the Statue of Liberty. The major exercise is to highlight the call for a reintroduction of the 1950 Van Duzer Act in the New York Assembly. It almost succeeded in 1950. They believe that this will have a major impact in the USA, especially if supported by the TV footage shot by the BBC during the 9 months prior to the receipt of newsletter. Credits for information Newsletter April 1995 Phillip Berrill.

Good wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Joyce Glover

EDWARDS FORTUNE "ONGOING RESEARCH"

Another intriguing possibility comes about from another submission from a distant cousin which was found in a book written concerning her direct line ancestors. It was written that Abel Edwards who married Polly Potts had a brother named John Edwards who unlike his brother settled in Eastern Kentucky.

What I think was most interesting concerning where the "Edwards" came from was found in an old letter written in 1924 from a man named Cyrus Edwards. This Cyrus Edwards came up with the theory that the early Edwards were made up of clans, and from these clans came about the different Edwards that can be found through out early colonial America.

Horse Cave, Kentucky.
Dec. 17, 1924.
Mrs. J.W. Berry,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

From the statements in your letter of Dec. 6th, I think that you are working without system in your genealogical investigations. It is much easier to begin with a name as far back as possible and trace his descendants down - through written or printed records - and watch carefully for any possible contact with your known ancestors, than it is to begin with your immediate ancestors and work backward. The little I have learned of my ancestors was written out many years ago, and recently was slightly revised and printed. It was undertaken not with a view of any inheritance or profit, but with the sole purpose of informing my descendants of their descent from intelligent and worthy people.

You mention that your ancestors came from England. If so they or their ancestors must have come into England as immigrants or as temporary residents. I have read much of the name in a number of our states, and every one I have met or read of who has a definite and known ancestral line harks back to Wales for a starting point. I will say however, that I have met a few and read of more, whose ancestors came from England to America, but in every case and ancestor had previously come from Wales unto England. The name itself is Welsh and has a definite meaning in the Gaelic tongue, as do also the names Hughes, Jones, Thomas and others.

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The mass of Welsh immigrants during the 17th and 18th centuries settled along the Atlantic seaboard; from Boston to Baltimore and spread out from there westward and southward all over our country. The members of many families (among them my people) were scattered along the whole of the coast (Boston to Baltimore) and were closely related, but finally came to be grouped as the New England clans - north of New York - and the Maryland clans - south of New York. There is to be had in Boston a three or four volume history of the Edwards families of Massachusetts, etc., and in Baltimore a similar history of the Edwards families of Maryland and etc. These books can be purchased of the publishers, but of course high priced. Copies can be seen in a few of the larger libraries of the country - New York, Philadelphia, Washington. I found one copy of each in the public library of Chicago. I think you would be almost certain to find names of your ancestors in some of those books if you would be able to identify them - provided they were in America say 160 years ago. Your statement of some of your people coming into Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina impresses me with the idea that they belonged to the Maryland families. My people came from Baltimore into the upper Shenandoah valley and thence into the New River and Holstein settlements in East Tennessee (then a part of North Carolina) where they were during the American Revolution, and about 1782 came to Kentucky. Other Edwards families were there and were related to our clan, and some of them also came to Kentucky. My Great Grandfather (Capt. Cader Edwards) had 7 or 8 brothers in America, among whom the names of Thomas, William, David and Robert appear, and these names are perpetuated among our people in every generation. I know little of the "Edwards estate" but some of our people in Kentucky claim that my great grandfather's brother Robert was the one who owned the New York property. I am too old to go into those matters now, and health is too poor. This is the third day since I began this letter. I can not imagine how you heard of me. If there are any

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LETTER WRITTEN BY A CYRUS EDWARDS

John Panter who is the person who is in charge of the archives of the Trinity Church in New York said in a conversation with me that the church still gets requests for information concerning the Edwards Fortune. John Panter stated, "I am saddened by the people who think they can get the supposed fortune still today."

Where did our ancestors come from originally before coming to the colonies?

This is a jumbled mess just like the Edwards Fortune situation, and I feel that there is correlation between the two.

Most adaptations from the area of local where the Edwards came from lead us to around the Cardiff Wales area. More specifically what was called Ness Strange Salop, or "EDWARDS HALL". The county of Salop was incorporated into the current county of Shropshire. The area in question is also sometimes called, "Great Ness".

Edwards Hall is another confusing adaption of the Edwards Fortune situation in America.

The progenitor of the Edwards Fortune situation, Thomas Edwards married Elizabeth Hall(Hael). This Elizabeth Hall(Hael) was supposedly the person who acquired the New York land from her father.

On November 20, 1642 Governor William Kieff of the Dutch West Indies Co. supposedly granted land to a Thomas Hael(Hall) who's daughter later married the before mentioned Thomas Edwards.

It is suggested by a letter to me from the Record Office in Glamorgan Cardiff Wales that the whole Edwards Hall folklore was brought about from the American version of the story which attributes the title to the land in New York to Thomas Hael.

(AUTHORS NOTE:Refer to end of this chapter for letter)

In another letter it is suggested that Edwards Hall was a variation of the Corregghofa Castle, and later Corregghofa Hall because of the Edwards family who occupied the castle. In other words after the Corregghofa Castle changed names a few times it again changed it's name to Edwards Hall to reflect the name of the family which dwelled there.

I will suggest another version to the Edwards Hall controversy.

I feel that it is conceivable that Edwards Hall came about because of the un-proven marriage between Thomas Edwards and Elizabeth Hall. It could be that Edwards families put together the two surnames of Edwards and Hall to substantiate their claims to the

Edwards Fortune. It could have in their minds made their fraudulent claims to the land in New York more believable.

It is my opinion that it makes no difference which account you might believe more. The Record Office in Glamorgan Cardiff Wales have devoted many hours of research in trying to find a mention of Edwards hall and they have to this day found no account of it's existence.

Not to down play the possible existence of Edwards Hall but one has to be practical. It might have existed at one time, but if there was indeed an Edwards Hall the proof of its legitimacy has been lost in time.

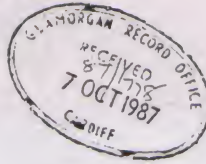
I tend to believe that there is more probability that the Edwards Fortune had something to do with the creation of "Edwards Hall".

I would like to reiterate that I don't believe all of the Edwards Fortune and Edwards Hall so called facts to be genuine, nor do I completely believe all of the names and dates that I have mentioned in this chapter.

I consider all of this "EDWARDS FOLKLORE", and with all folklore there was once a little truth to the story. I theorize this to be true, there is probably a small portion of all of this folklore that is accurate. There might be a small amount of the Edwards Fortune trilogy that is true, but what part and to what extent we may never know.

With the Edwards fortune situation and the severe loss of records in Sullivan County Tennessee because of fire during the civil war I still have hope that there are records that can be found which will take this family farther back than Abel Edwards. There are some researchers who try to tie into other Edwards mentioned throughout records in pre-revolutionary war Virginia which I personally think is a mistake because of the lack of proof. This researcher will only use hard proven facts for Edwards History.

ROBERT L. CARTMELL



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October 1, 1987.

Mrs. Patricia Moore,
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Dear Mrs. Moore,

I appreciate very much your letter dated August 3rd and the accompanying Edwards-related material from your files. I have delayed acknowledging receipt of these papers in the hope that when I wrote I'd be able to pass along some useful information regarding the Edwards story. I haven't really solved anything conclusively but I will offer a couple observations.

First, though, I found the various genealogical charts interesting and relevant. I'll try to get back to you at some point with some information that ties in with what you sent, Mrs. Moore. A couple of years ago I had marked a query in a genealogical publication for future reference. It had been submitted by a woman in New Jersey and involved a request for information on the Jacob Edwards who married Affie Speer. I've written to this woman and I'll see what results from my contact.

At this point I'm inclined to conclude that references to an Edwards Hall possibly involve a location in the area of the border town, Llanymynech. You're probably aware that a considerable number of Edwards claimants see a Robert Edwards (1730) of Llanymynech as the significant person--the one who acquired the NYC land. One branch of Edwardses who are associated with the story of the estate came from Correghofa (several spellings exist), a township in the Parish of Llanymynech. One encounters references to Correghofa Castle and, later, Correghofa Hall. I've seen an 1891 letter that refers to an Edwards family who lived at Correghofa Hall. Some members of the family 'left the Hall and went to the lower house farm at Llanymynech.' It's possible that the 'Hall' was also known at some point as 'Edwards Hall.' At least this is a possible clue to the various references to this mysterious 'Hall.'

I'm afraid that a lot of Edwards-related material that was prepared over here at various times reflects an almost total lack of acquaintance with British terms, place-names and titles.

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LETTER FROM GLAMORGAN WALES CONCERNING EDWARDS FORTUNE

ROBERT L. CARTMELL

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I'll give an axample. Mrs. Moore. Just the other day I received a copy of some material written by an American Edwards claimant some years ago. I'll quote: '....Robert was the son of Edward Edwards who owned an estate near Ness Strange Salop called Edwards Hall. The castle was built by Sir Gadefer de Pomerrei at about the time of William the Conqueror and the ruins of the old castle can still be scene. Anne Kyffin was the daughter of Robert Kyffin of Cyalleath. These locations are near the area of Cardiff in Wales, the area where the Edwardses came from.'

The Llanymynech Parish Registers refer to mining experiments carried on by a John Le Strange of Ness. It appears that there exists a confusion between place names and the names of persons. A gentleman from England wrote to me a year or so ago. He was a member of a genealogical group and seemed to be quite knowledgeable. I recall his reference to the name Le Strange as figuring significantly in some early Edwards genealogies. The reference in the quote above to Salop and the 'fact' that this was near Cardiff gives an idea of the confusion that accompanies the material relating to the Edwards story.

During the past couple of months I've created two fairly extensive computer databases relating to my Edwards material. I'm now attempting to evolve an appropriate configuraton for a database incorporating a substantial amount of the genealogical data I've assembled over the past few years. As this project evolves, it's quite possible that I'll come up with answers to at least some of the questions that exist with respect to the fascinating Edwards estate story.

Thanks again for your assistance, Mrs. Moore. I'll get back to you again as my research progresses. This note requires no acknowledgement--I simply wished to advise you that the package of material arrived safely and to pass along the observations on the mysterious 'Edwards Hall.'

Sincerely,


Robert L. Cartmell.

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Dear Mr. Edwards,

Thank you for your letter forwarded to this Office by the Archivist at Swansea University Library and received here on 17 July 1995.

I must at the outset apologise for the length of time taken to answer your enquiry. This is due to the complex nature of the work required to produce a satisfactory response as much confusion exists concerning Edwards Hall and the supposed 'Edwards fortune'.

Many staff hours have been spent here trying to identify the location of an Edwards Hall in Glamorgan but as yet its very existence remains a mystery. Most recently it has been asserted in print that it was the original name for, or a building previously on the site of, Llandaff House near Cardiff - we have no documentary evidence to support this. Llandaff House and estate was indeed owned in the latter part of the 18th century by an Edwards - Thomas Edwards born 1716 and Clerk of the Peace for the County of Glamorgan from 1763 until his death in 1794. Its supposed connection with Edwards Hall (including the reputed building of the latter by Godefrey de Pomeroy) is related in The Edwardes Legacy by David D. Edwards, published by Gateway Press Inc., Baltimore, 1992. The Library of Congress Catalog Card Number is 92-72728, and the book can be purchased direct from David D. Edwards, 10518 Italia Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. As already stated, we have no evidence to support David Edwards' account and indeed we advised Mr. Edwards of this before he went into print. Neither can we trace any record or secondary printed source relating to Godefrey de Pomeroy.

The association between Edwards and Hall when both used as surnames, appears to come from an American version of the story which attributes title to the land in New York on which the supposed fortune is based to Thomas Hael. Hael, who later changed his name to Hall, had a daughter who married an Edwards (in America) and to whom title therefore passed. We have found nothing that applies this alliance of an Edwards and a Hall to the name of a property in Glamorgan.

In 1987 we were in correspondence concerning Edwards family research with a Robert Cartmell of Toronto, Canada. I enclose a copy of one of his letters which might help to shed some light on the location of Edwards Hall. Llanymynech is a parish on the

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Denbighshire/Shropshire border and thus on the border of Wales and England.

Further to Mr. Cartmell's letter, Ness Strange is a place in Shropshire although it is more usually called Great Ness. A family named Edwards owned the Great Ness estate in the 18th and 19th centuries and lived at Great Ness Hall [described in a 19th century directory as 'a mansion in the Tudor style']. The Shropshire Records and Research Centre, Castlegates, Shrewsbury, SY1 2AQ, holds a collection of documents relating to this estate. It is possible that this Edwards family was linked to the Edwards of Carreghofa, the two places being only some 5 miles apart.

I hope this is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

G. M. B. Jones

Glamorgan Archivist

In case of enquiry please ask for: Mrs. R.A. Davies

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VI. VALUABLE SOURCES

While performing research over a long period of time one will acquire many sources which pertain to the research that is being done. In our situation as descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts I feel that we as a collected family have been very lucky.

Through persistence and much devoted time to research I have come across many items of source material which in my opinion are priceless to our Edwards family, and to Edwards research in general.

I will try to accomplish in this chapter how I found these sources. I will also put within these pages actual copies of the said sources and will cross reference these sources to the appropriate people mentioned within the descendency of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

Edwards Family Bible

The Edwards Family Bible which is currently located at the Mars Hill College, Mars Hill North Carolina.

This bible has been in the family for over 150 years and once belonged to Bob Tilson which is a descendant to Thomas Edwards born September 23, 1774, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

CHAP. XXIX.

for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are I present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and I prepare their heart unto thee.

19 And give thy commandments, thy statutes, thy laws, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the Lord your God. And all the congregation blessed the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Lord, and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 And did eat and drink before the Lord on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the Lord to be chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the Lord magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had no king before him in Israel.

26 ¶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honours: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer.

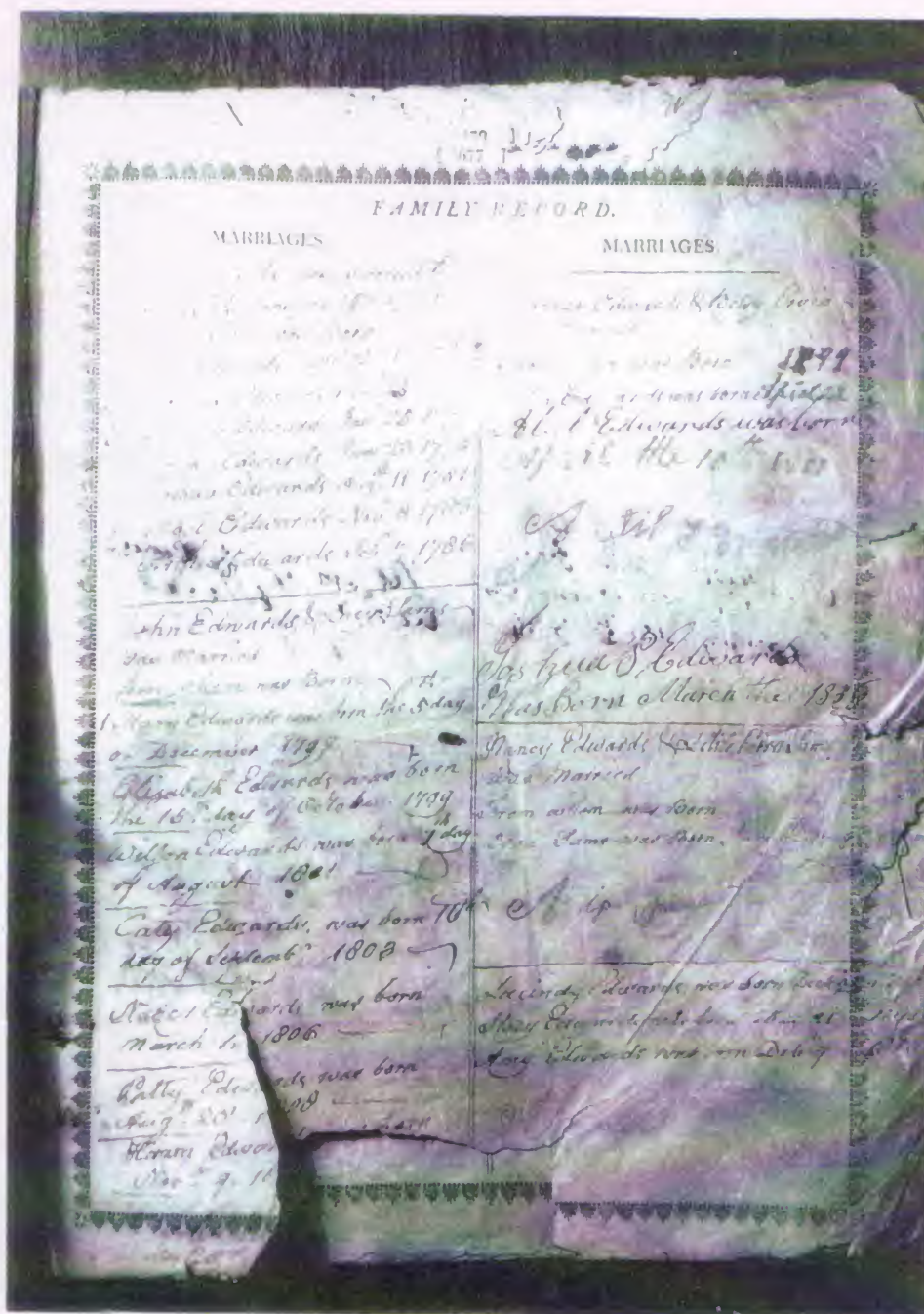
30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the world.

E. M. Wilson
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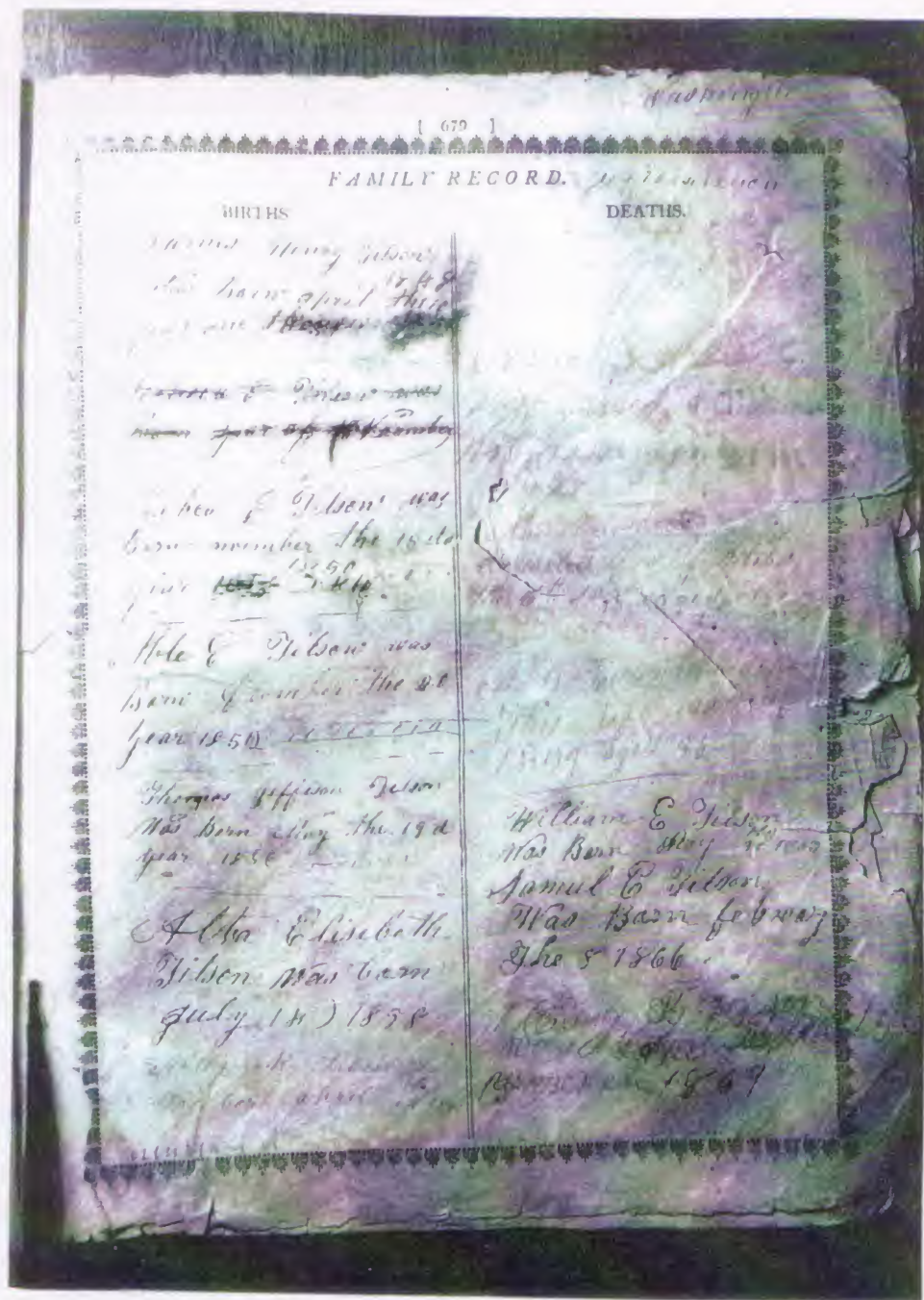
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FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

DEATHS.

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E. & F. Thomas
and family
Edwards was married
in the 1876

Ally Lee Thomas
was born in 1874

J. N. Anderson
was born July
19. 1869.

departed this
life the 7 of oct
1869

Edwards was
in the year of
the last 1876

departed this
life the 18
August 1

Asula Nelson was
born in the year
1874
born 3rd January 1881

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CHURCHES

Churches were the life blood of our ancestors, they used their churches to guide their lives and future.

In early Tennessee there was great devotion and pride towards ones family church. Especially between denominations. It is documented factual information which states that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts were of Baptist denomination, and some of and maybe all of their children followed suit.

In the new America there were many growing denominations throughout the early states, one of the strongest of all denominations within Tennessee was Baptist, two of which flourished with in the new state of Tennessee. The previously mentioned Baptists denominations were named Regular Baptists, and New Light Baptists.

Sinking Creek Church was of the regular Baptists and Buffalo Ridge Church was of the "New Light" Baptists which from what I can gather from reading different sources just looked at the scriptures in a less than serious minded way compared to Sinking Creek Church.

Sinking Creek Church is located in present day Carter County Tennessee, and Buffalo Ridge Church located in Washington County Tennessee.

This doesn't seem to serious to a person of todays means, but back in the late 1700's there was mostly denominations of the old order which were "Regular" Baptists, "Sinking Creek Church", and they basically took it personally when there was a branch of the Baptist church, namely Buffalo Ridge "New Light" church that didn't handle the scriptures in the way the Regular Baptist would.

There were a few entries within the Sinking Creek Church Minutes which mentioned the animosity towards the Buffalo Ridge Church. There were written entries within the Sinking Creek Church Minutes which stated the sending of a representative to "remove grievance".

The Cherokee Church was established circa-1783 and was one of the first references towards Abel Edwards and Polly Potts coming to Tennessee in 1802, July 3.

NOTE:At this time the Church minutes for the Cherokee Church can not be found. The "Church Minutes" mentioned are copies recieved from a related distant cousin.

In 1802 Abel Edwards and wife Polley Edwards were mentioned, and later in 1807 Joshua Edwards and wife were dismissed to join the Sinking Creek Church in Carter County Tennessee.

What does this mean? To me this means that Cherokee Church was a "Regular" Baptist Church and Joshua Edwards and family were dismissed to the Sinking Creek Church which was another "Regular" Baptist Church.

SINKING CREEK CHURCH

Sinking Creek Church is located in Carter County Tennessee and was probably not the chosen church by Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. In 1802 Abel Edwards and wife Polley can be found in the Cherokee Church in Carter County Tennessee. Sinking Creek Church was the chosen parish of Joshua Edwards and wife Nancy Ervin, once dismissed from the Cherokee Church.

Sinking Creek Church is still an active church and the original wooden structure is still standing and on special occasion used. I was very honored to be able to visit this church.

- 1774/1775: organized probably by Nathen Talbot and John Chastain.
- 1776: disbanded because of indian wars.
- 1777/1778: reorganized by Talbot, Mulkey, and Joshua Kelley.
- 1783: Talbot moves to Georgia.
- 1783: Joshua Kelley, pastor.
- 1783: new building erected
- 1783: Tipton's move to Tennessee.
- 1786: Holston Association organized; Sinking Creek declines invitation to join.
- 1791: Mrs. Mcdowel scalped by indians.
- 1794: Jonathan Mulkey, Pastor.
- 1796: adopt resolution against secret societies.
- 1816: Solomon Hendrix and Joseph Renfro represent Sinking Creek in Missionary meeting.

Members of Sinking Creek Church

1803
Joshua Edwards
Mrs. Joshua Edwards

1822
Joshua Edwards
Mrs. Joshua Edwards

The only known mention of a descendant of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts is their son Joshua Edwards which mentioned with his wife as a member of the Sinking Creek Church during the years of 1803 and 1822.



SINKING CREEK CHURCH CARTER COUNTY TENNESSEE

HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH SULLIVAN CO. TENNESSEE

My 4th great grandfather Joshua Edwards born August 11, 1781 was a pastor of the Holston Baptist church in Sullivan County Tennessee. The original church minutes which I can proudly say I held in my own hands are still in existence and I am very lucky to have for the most part a complete copy of this record. This is not only priceless because of my direct lineage to Joshua Edwards, but because of the many mentions of related Edwards families within it's pages. The Holston Baptist Church is still an active church and I consider myself very lucky to have been able to visit this church.

- 1827, JANUARY 13:Holston Baptist Church formed, meeting in groves and peoples homes.
- 1827, FEBRUARY 24:First services held.
- 1827, JUNE:Delegates sent to Holston Baptist Association, Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son Joshua Edwards sent as one of the delegates.
- 1827, SEPTEMBER 15:First deacons ordained, Abel Edwards and Polly Potts son Joshua Edwards was ordained as one of the first deacons.
- 1827:During this year or soon after Joshua Edwards was ordained pastor of Holston Baptist Church.
- 1829, JUNE:Church meetings held for the first time in a newly built log church house named, "HOLSTON MEETING HOUSE"
- 1857-1859:Between these years was when Joshua Edwards was of ill health and stopped being the pastor of the Holston Baptist Church.
- 1837 ca.:Abell Edwards, husband to Polly Potts possibly mentioned as member of church. Unproven.
- 1893, MAY 20:Joshua Edwards grandson, William Edwards submitted proposition for the new building dedicated on 1895 to be named "Edwards Memorial" in honor of his grandfather Joshua Edwards. William Edwards dedicated a bell to this church for this occasion.
- 1895:Second building dedicated.
- 1896, MARCH:The church was destroyed by fire.

HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES, SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

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NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

JANUARY THE 18TH 1827

CATHERINE GLOVER- in 1798 Abel Edwards and Polly

AFTER JUNE 1827

JOSHUA EDWARDS-

NANCY EDWARDS-

Potts sold 50 acres to R.
Glover.

son to Abel Edwards and Polly
Potts

wife to above mentioned Joshua
Edwards

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NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS
(*after 1837)

SAMUEL EDWARDS-

son to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

ABEL EDWARDS-

son to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

ELDRIDGE EDWARDS-

son to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

MATILDA EDWARDS-

daughter to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

OWEN EDWARDS-

son to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

MARY EDWARDS-

daughter to Joshua Edwards
b.1781

MARGARET EDWARDS-

most likely daughter to above
mentioned Owen Edwards b.1806.

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AURTHUR EDWARDS-

possibly the son to Abel
Edwards and Polly Potts.

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A(BE)LL EDWARDS-

very good possibility this is
Abel Edwards, husband to Polly
Potts. Later in life.
(unproven).

History of



Holston
Baptist
Church

OCTOBER 1, 1967

1899 — 1967

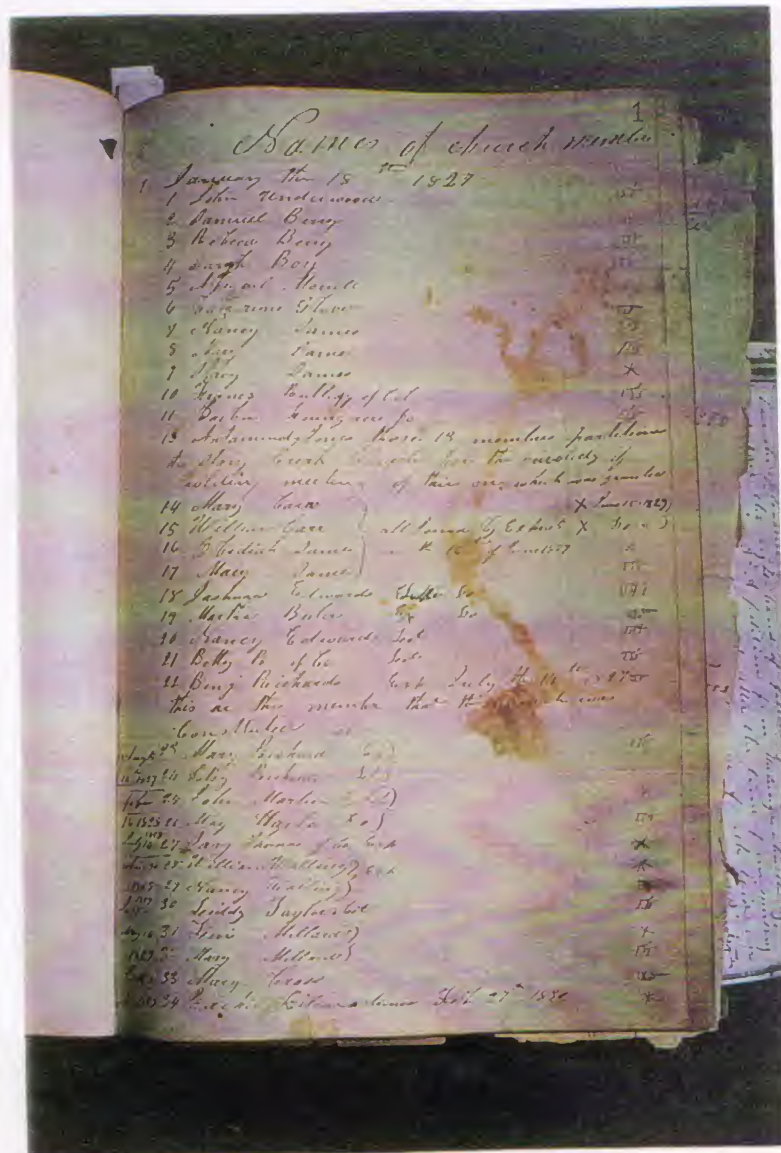


I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

HISTORY OF THE HOLSTON BAPTIST CHURCH SULLIVAN COUNTY
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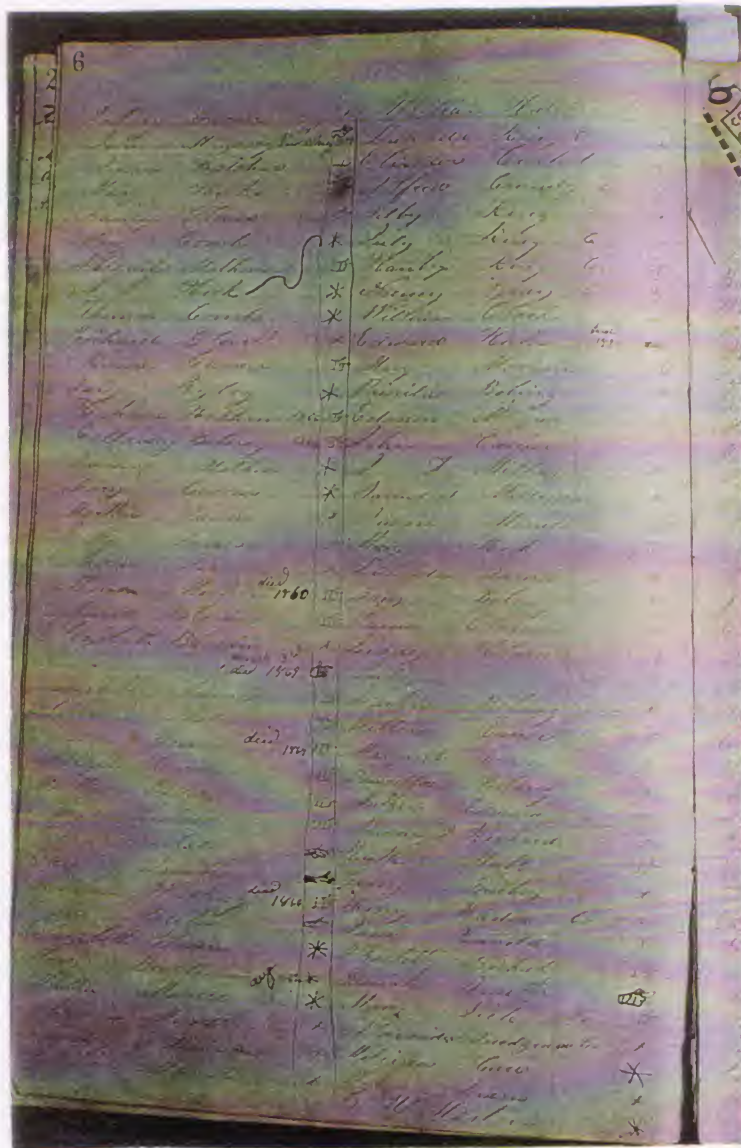
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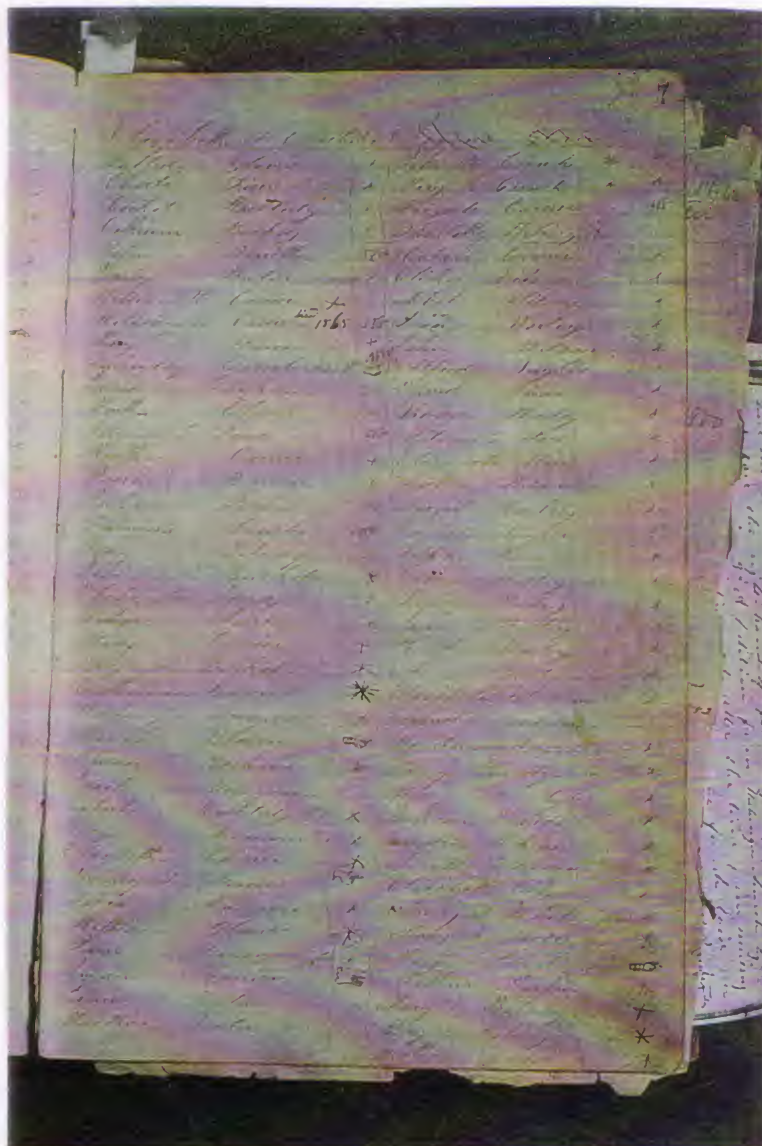
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COUNTY TENNESSEE

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PHILANDER REEDER DIARIES

The Philander Reeder diaries were written by Dr. Philander Reeder, husband to Mary Maria Edwards, daughter to Owen Edwards which is my 3rd great grandfather.

The diaries are an account of P. Reeder's life and daily happenings. The dates of the diaries start in the 1860's in Appanoose and Davis County Iowa where my 3rd great grandfather Owen Edwards and family were living. This is where Mary Maria Edwards met and married Philander Reeder.

For the most part these diaries mostly reflect P. Reeder's feelings, thoughts, and daily events but he had a few mentions of related family members which I feel helped locate and identify the families mentioned.

The diaries are in the possession of a very nice lady named Ruth Avery and she is the great granddaughter of Mary M. Edwards and Philander Reeder. The diaries were once thought to be lost and through some research I found some copies of the original letter and diaries being held in the University of Oklahoma historical archives. Ruth Avery through some discussion was very kind to loan me the diaries and letters and I made copies of all pertinent records.

Although all of the entries of family members are of my direct line and they really don't pertain to most of the readers of this volume, the historical relevance of the letters and diaries can not be argued.

OWEN EDWARDS
 SON to Joshua
 Edwards, son
 to Abel Edwards
 and Polly Potts

March 20 Warm
 21 Warm & Muddy
 22 " " "
 23 Cold & Snowy
 24 " "
 25 " but thawing some
 26 " Snow & hail storm
 27 " & muddy
 Sent for Mr. McDemerist for Mary
 & Mrs. Adkinson - Made dinner
 report - Note to Mendocino State
 Prison - 38 - Cold & Muddy
 29 Warm & Muddy
 30 " "
 J. Link came & took us to P.O. & I
 Owen Edwards came here
 — 31 Warm & Muddy
 Last night - some boys broke all
 the lights out of the house this side of
 the Paperman's Lane
 J. Link came & ordered P.O. & I
 to go home

OWEN Edwards
SON TO JOSHUA
Edwards, SON
TO Abel Edwards
and Polly Potts

Saturday, Sept 21/1867 - cold
The Harveys were in town
H. Carter, H. L. Puffer & others
Harvey
Sunday 22 - cold
Last night - Bull & Holmes
light and arrested
Harvey - Bogus
Monday 23 Pleasant -
I was floating around
well - what a world
is this - went to see the
old man - Samuel Hopkins
He paid me 10¢ and 2¢
give him his hat of 165¢
Owen Edwards with other
old hoptist - come here
Tuesday 24 - very Pleasant
Wednesday 25 -
H. C. Deane spoke in
Cantonville - to a very
large crowd - Come

Monday 21 - Cool & pleasant
 School commenced in
 the new school house on
 The Square -
 Tuesday 22nd - Clear & pleasant -
 Flora & Charly started to
 school - Sent letter to Dr
 E. S. Edwards at Milton Iowa
 of date 20th inst - in regard to
 what he owes me -
 Wednesday 23 - Very pleasant
 P. M. Ad. Kinison moved
 to Bella P. Q. & P. - went with
 them Owen Edwards came up
 Thursday 24 - Very Pleasant -
 Arrows put on the second
 coat of plaster - The Trustees
 of the M. E. C. met at N. P. L.
 Friday 25 - Pleasant
 Arnolds finished plastering
 Owen Edwards rented the
 place of E. S. Edwards to

OWEN Edwards
 SON TO JOSHUA
 Edwards, SON TO
 Abel Edwards AND Dolly Potts

M. D. Kinison for the year 1868
 for \$80⁰⁰ & sent article
 of Agreement for the
 same to E. S. Edwards at
 Milton Vanaburen Co Iowa
 Notified Has Kinison to
 make his part of the fence
 Mary Mrs. Chapin Mrs.
 Cairns took supper at J. H.
 Harms
 Saturday 26th - Pleasant & Clear day
 Sunday 27
 Mary & I took ride to
 Has Kinison's - stopped
 at Cupp's
 Monday 28th - Clear & Cool
 Mrs. Th. Kinison came
 to work at our house
 A lecture on Mental
 Alchemy by Prof. Thompson
 at night - Noah Coe and an
 other for the subjects operation on

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| Aug 25 | |
| F. Mather | |
| 11 | W. D. Dwyer 1.50 |
| | 26 |
| J. L. Edwards | |
| 11 | To P. M. Sel 1.00 |
| | 28 |
| John Hassler | |
| 11 | To P. M. Sel 1.00 |
| | 29 |
| Wm Edwards | |
| 11 | To B. V. P. M. Sel 3.50 |
| | 30 |
| W Edwards | |
| 11 | To V. P. M. Sel 1.50 |
| | 31 |
| A. Novock wye | |
| 11 | To P. M. Sel 1.00 |
| | 5.50 |
| | 1.85 |
| | 4.65 |
| | 6.50 |
| | 5.15 |

Joseph Lougare
Edwards, son to
Owen Edwards,
son to Joshua
Edwards, son to
Abel Edwards and
Polly Potts.

PROBABLY WILLIAMS EDWARDS
SON TO OWEN EDWARDS,
SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS
SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND
POLLY POTTS.

PHILANDER REEDER DIARY AUGUST 25, 1882

MARGARET Edwards
Wheeler Collinson,
DAUGHTER TO OWEN
Edwards, SON TO
JOSHUA Edwards,
SON TO Abel Edwards
and Polly Potts.

Drakesville Iowa
Tuesday July 16 - 1901
Another hot day
They went to Drakes-
ville after aunt Ann
and in the evening
went after Eldridge
wife & Baby Imogene
(- Mag Whittens family
Eldridge - Fernando
Lucy - Dead
Mary - ^{Edwards}
(Mills family)
Amanda - (Sp)
James - (Sp)
Eunice - (Sp)

William S Edwards,
SON TO OWEN Edwards,
SON TO JOSHUA Edwards
SON TO Abel Edwards and
Polly Potts.

PHILANDER READER DIARY JULY 16, 1901

James P. Edwards
son to Williams
Edwards, son to
Owen Edwards,
son to Goshen
Edwards, son to
Hazel Edwards and
Polly Potts.

Drakesville Iowa
Sunday July 21-1901
No change in the
weather, if possible
hotter -
We all spent the
afternoon with
Jim Edwards. They
are very clever
people & have 6
children living &
one dead.

PHILANDER REEDER DIARY JULY 21, 1901

MARY M. EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

The work that Mary M. Edwards Little did through out her life with respect to family history is actually what tied my side of the Edwards family to the previously documented descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

The work that M. M. Edwards Little did was mostly on her father James Philando Edwards and her mother Flora Belle Breeding. Most of her information was collected family histories which she received from various family members. She documented them in a short paper titled "Paternal Side", although some of what she wrote I later discovered was incorrect, there was much that she documented that later in my research tied me and my family directly into the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

At the time that I was given permission to copy Mary Edwards Little's paper I only new for sure that my 2nd great grandfather William Samuel Edwards was the progenitor of my side of the Edwards family. In other words W. Edwards was as far back in documented history that I had gone at that time.

During a family reunion I was very lucky to be able to copy pictures and hand written papers by Mary Edwards Little which documented the home of my great grandfather James P. Edwards in Soap Creek Township, Davis County Iowa. The before mentioned papers also documented a photo of a home which was owned by Margaret Edwards Wheeler. According to the papers that came with the photo's Margaret Edwards Wheeler lived across the dirt road from my great grandfather James P. Edwards.

Now with this translated so we can understand exactly what this means, this would put Margaret Wheeler as the sister to my 2nd great grandfather William Samuel Edwards which was documented as the father to James Philando Edwards by Iowa census records and the previously mentioned Mary Edwards Little papers, "Paternal Side".

With the work that Mary Edwards Little had already performed and some extra research on my part I found some of the descendants of Margaret Edwards Wheeler living in Washington state and they had in their possession the book "HISTORY OF THE WHEELER FAMILY IN AMERICA" which documented the father of Margaret Edwards Wheeler as Owen Edwards.

In combination of Mary Edwards Little Papers, and the History of the Wheeler Family in America, and the

Edwards Bible which documented Owen Edwards b.1806(my 3rd great grandfather) as a documented descendant of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts I was able to gather "paper proof" which tied all of the above mentioned sources together as one.

Without Mary Edwards Little's papers I would have never accomplished as much as I have in the past years, and it is because of her and her devotion to her ancestry that this book was ever written.

"Paternal Side"

History or Ancestry of Our Father, as given me by Jane Corcoran, Mary Patterson, the daughter of Father's sister Amanda of her first husband Robert Patterson.

Our Grandfather, William Samuel Edwards was of Welsh descent. Our Grandmother Mary Killek Edwards was of English and Dutch descent - Both were born in Indiana, moving later to Iowa. In this union 4 children were born; namely, James Philander Edwards, Amanda, Emil and Ida, who were twins. Emil when young disappeared, going west in search of gold; was never heard from again. All have passed on including, Cousin Mary Patterson who is buried at Corvallis, Calif. Amanda was married 3 times; first to Patterson, father of Mary; then to Nixon, having a son Clarence by him, now deceased, buried at Lapeta, Idaho. Her last husband, Robert Lee, they had no children. Amanda & Robert both are buried at Lapeta, Idaho. They had resided there many years. Our Cousin Clarence's wife remarried. Came to Calif. and now lives in Hollywood, Calif. Our Cousin Mary after Mother passed away, came to Calif. Several times for she being buried at Corvallis, Calif. Her nephew Donald Nixon, and family live at Corvallis. Nixon was Mary's brother, son of her 2 sons, Rodrick and Donald. Rodrick was a Captain in the Navy, a career man, both he passed away several years ago and is buried at San Diego, Calif. Our Cousin Ida Edwards married Bill Johnson. They had one son. They moved to some place. They son was a military man. He is his name is...

was of course an
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lives in Hollywood, Calif. An Cousin Mary after
Mother passed away, came to Calif. Since the
reason for she being buried at Corvallis, Calif.
was her nephew Ronald Nixon, and family line.
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Johnson. They had one son. They moved to some
place in Arkansas. Their son was a military man
making a career of it. Believe his name was
Robert Johnson.

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

Our Father, James Philando Edwards met and
married Flora Belle Breeding, Dec. 22, 1888.
To this union, 10 children were born. Namely,
Virgil, Edna, Elms, Hayden, Mary, Bryan,
Charley, Kate, Claude and Beulah. All are
passed on except Mary and Beulah who are
at present residing in Norwalk, Caly. Our father
is buried in Olive View Cemetery, Norwalk, and
La Mirada. Our Mother is buried at Cal. Lawn
Cemetery, East Mission Pass. Rich family at
other places' residing at time of passing.
The above information makes us of Welsh,
English and Dutch descent.

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

Ancestry - Father's Side.

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

1st photo - Looking South & Right!
The house, our father's tomb on
the same mound and land the temple
in New Camp, Iowa; later, Littleton
and Bloomington, both 16 miles from
the home where we did our big
shopping - Bloomington was about 8 or 10 mi
where our family Walter died, &
the Jennings and who believed all
we children, except Claude & Bessie,
who were born in Missouri & Colorado
respectively. 11 N. & 12 N. standing on
back porch looking to kitchen.

2nd, picture - top right: Another view
of house and showing more of the porch.
Screened room, near, was kitchen
& dining room, or summer kitchen etc. then
called them. ~~Grandmother~~ ~~Our~~ N. & 12 N. standing
under shade trees and our Grandmother Bessie,
the N. & 12 N. standing at corner of house - Our
Eveland & far front - Can be seen.

Ted, called down with the barn
 to see the new some of his farming
 or found that of the barn in the
 bottom of a stream we called
 Soap Creek. Because when it got on
 a large page it overflowed, it was very
 much water looked like soap floating
 atop it would flow and come up
 to within the back of barn. Land
 being low there were some large
 deep places in land & water would
 stay there when stream went down &
 then places especially one, would be
 full of big yellow Catfish & sun-perch.
 Once we got a wash tub full.
 We had caught many fish by hand.

With picture - The old Peppers school
 we attended - Can't recognize any
 of pupils here - we walked 3/4 mile
 dirt road to school.

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

Father, a true - born ^{English} ~~English~~ - (Dutch
 King of the Dutch) Collins home across
 the road which stretches from
 Father & Mother. As I recall she
 was a sister of Father's, Father and
 she had 2 children by Mother,
 namely, Fernando and Mary. Neither
 was married. Later Aunt Mary
 married a fellow by name of Tom
 Collins who died of cancer & she
 followed him later on in some years.
 Mary & Fernando continued to live on the
 farm, specializing in raising sheep &
 becoming quite wealthy. When Father
 lost his health, sold farm & all &
 moved to Bloomfield Iowa where Mary
 finally passed away & he some years
 later. Mary had a cousin by name of
 Eldridge Wheeler who lived in state
 of Wash. & presume they inherited all
 Fernando & Mary estate. Nice big
 house. - This place is also where
 we kids used to go & get crab apples.

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

no more to the ship had a large
cabin - so she rather to the far
side of the house - plus blackberry
line

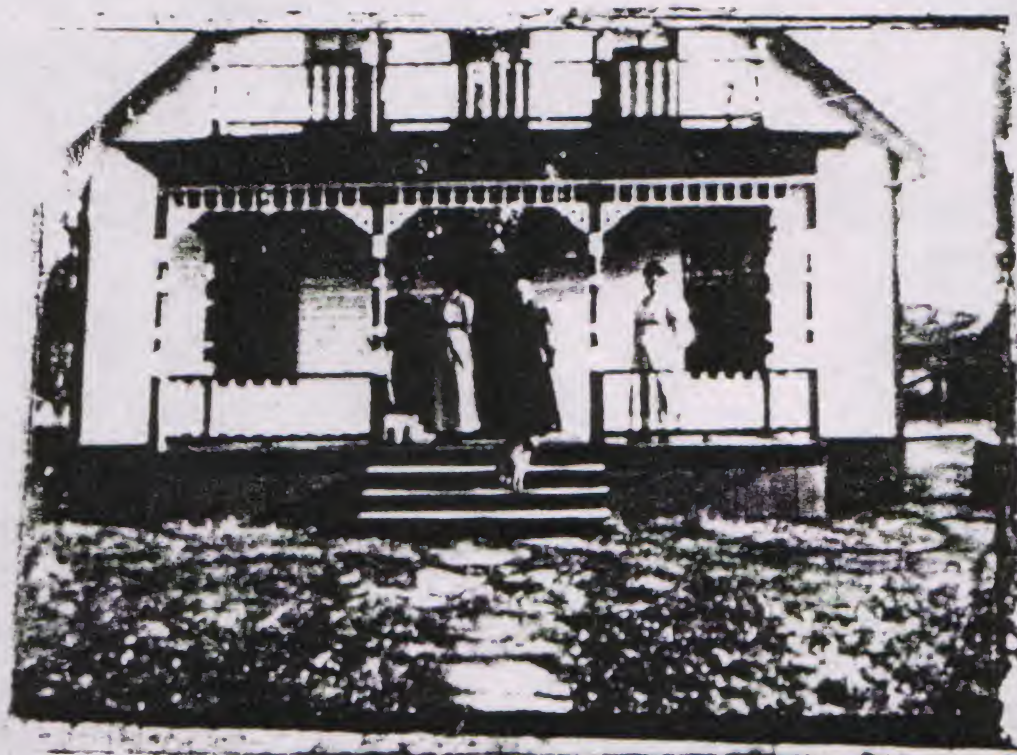
6th picture down. Pairs: Another
view of the house after some
remodelling at the front - Mark
recognizes some of the people sitting

MARY EDWARDS LITTLE PAPERS

Then being on horse, I can tell with
how much ease I got into C. Mag
standing in front of log on steps, &
the beautiful New Whelan to her left
before the winter of 1894.

Get picture high below: Some
meaning of Cane. Mag's farm
through the sheep barn, etc. We
then used to go over near there
to look for buildings when there was
a little stream flowing between our
places & play. Sometimes we would
get the duck eggs. The raised
ducks & they would lay eggs out
in the open.

The 8th & last picture R. down is
a view of Fernando's Sheep. As I
stated before, he was a thrifty sheep
raiser and became wealthy. As
Mother & Father were very fond of these
animals, they were all so good to
keep when needed and we did
not love to go to their place.



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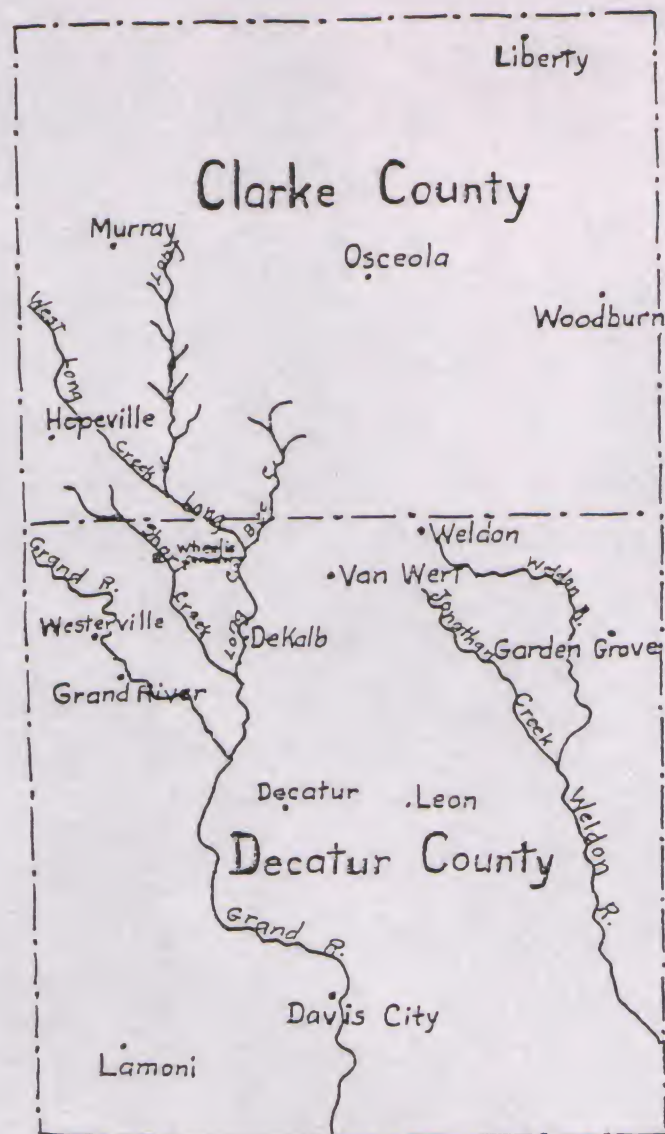
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A RECORD OF THE RAMSEY AND EDWARDS FAMILIES

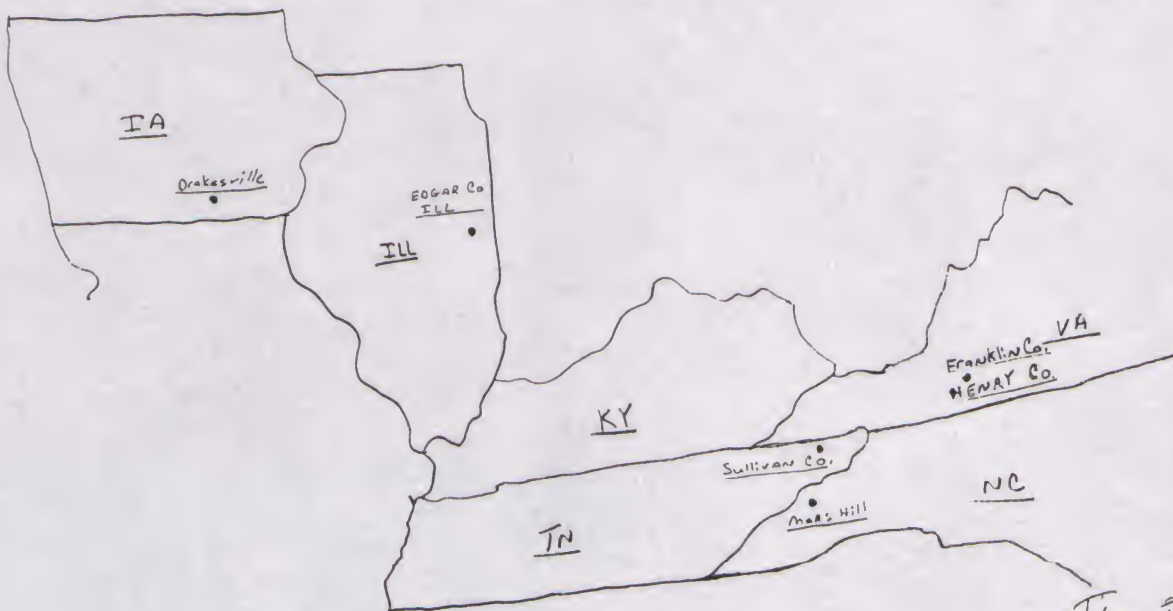
As far as my research goes I can find only one accurate attempt to portray Edwards history in a proper form, this was done with the book "A Record of the Ramsey and Edwards Families".

The book, "A RECORD OF THE RAMSEY AND EDWARDS FAMILIES" was compiled by Wilma Ramsey Foland, and edited by Rosamond Ramsey. The dedication of this book was to the following people for their work, Margaret Edwards, Alvice Ramsey.

We should all be very gratefull for all of their work.

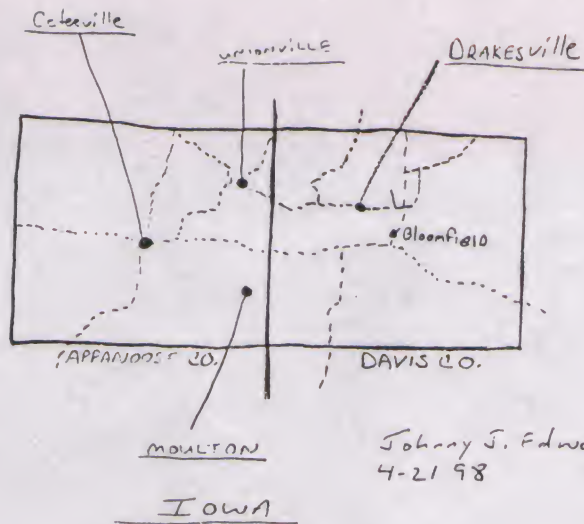


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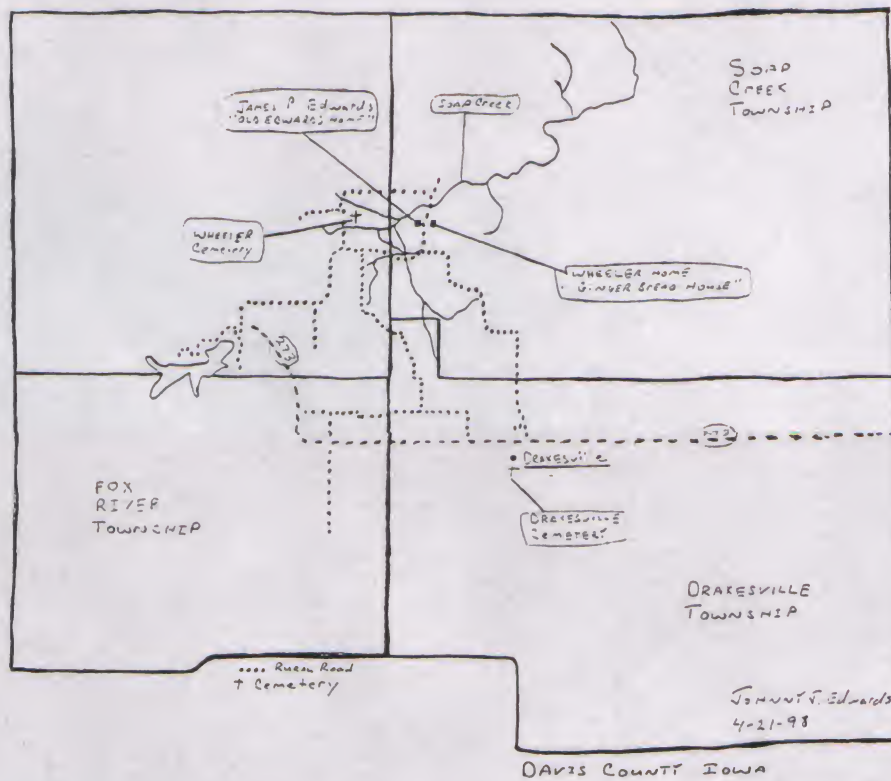


Johnny S. Edwards
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MAPS OF STATES OF MIGRATION



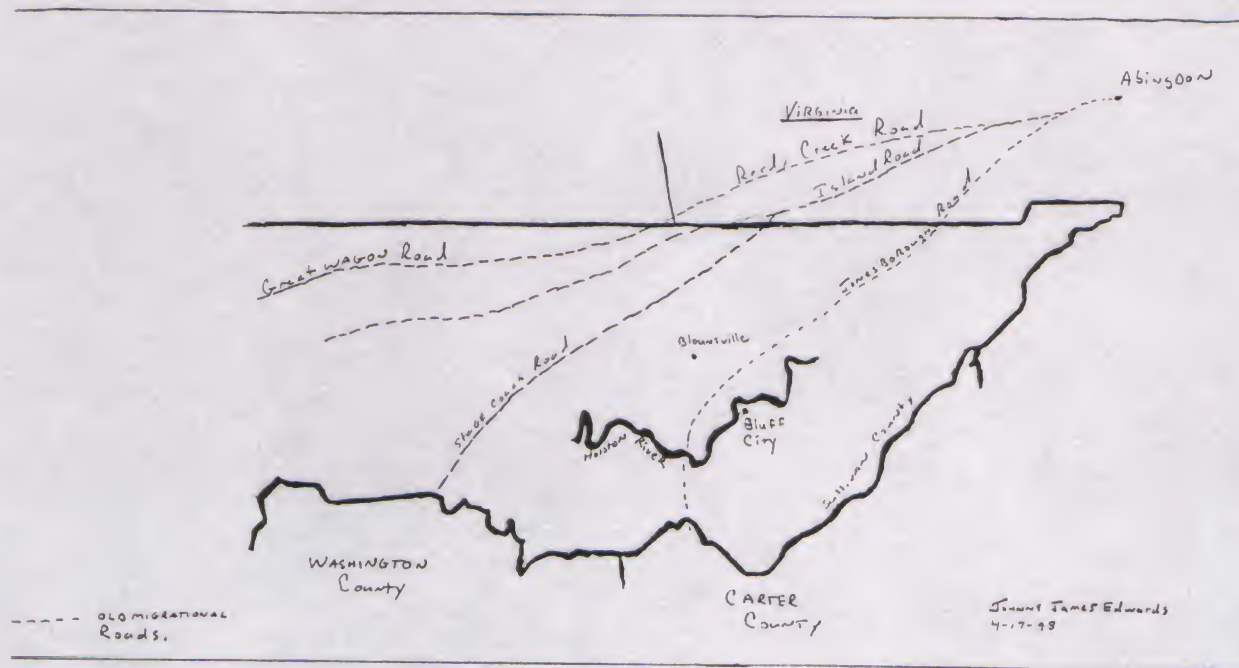
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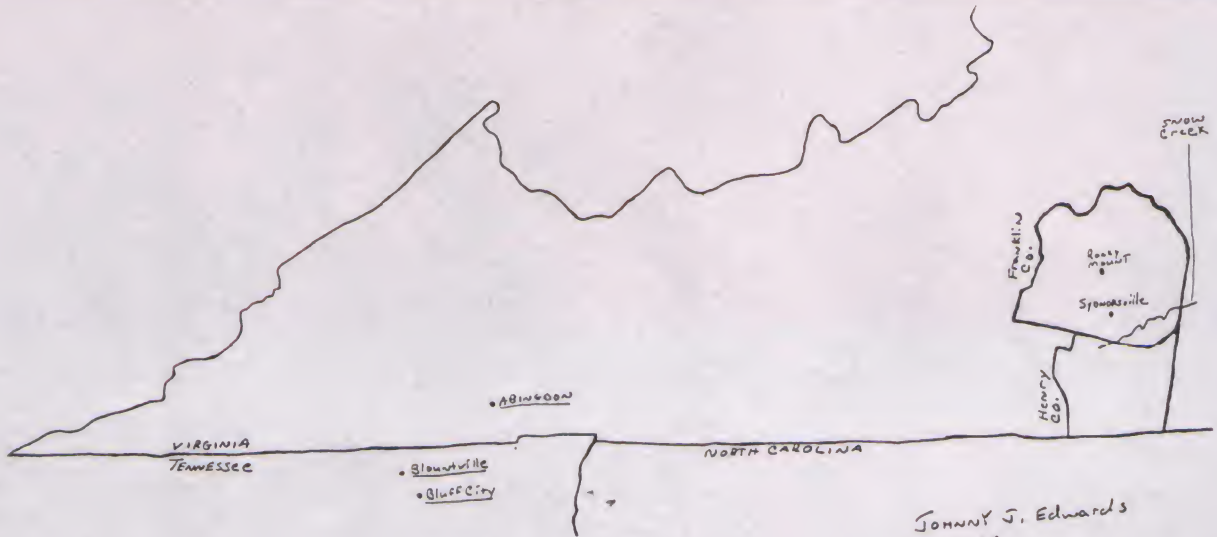
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DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

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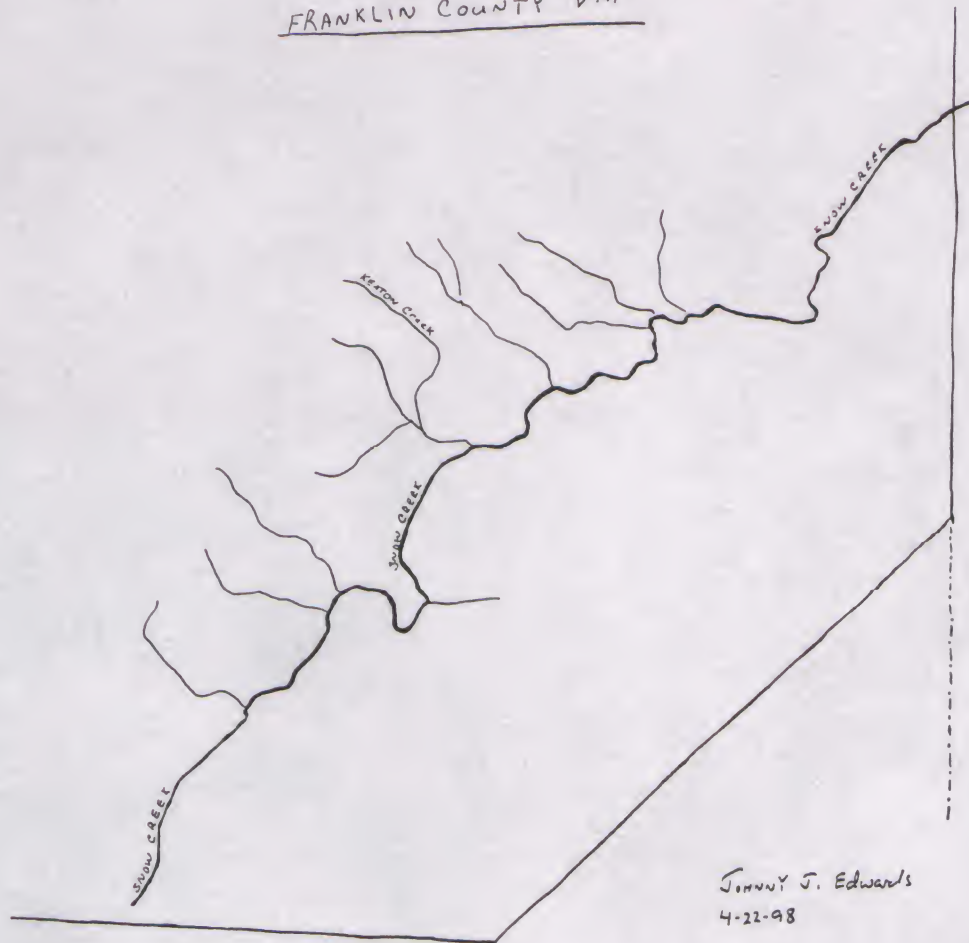


MAP OF MIGRATIONAL ROADS SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE



JOHNNY J. Edwards
4-22-98

FRANKLIN COUNTY VA.



JOHNNY J. Edwards
4-22-98

HENRY COUNTY VA.

MAP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Sullivan County Tennessee

1830

-*OWENS EDWARDS B.1800-1810 PG.313

Owen(s)(1800-1810)

males

| | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>under 5</u> | <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>20 & under 30</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|

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|---|---|---|
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females

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| <u>15 & under 20</u> | <u>20 & under 30</u> |
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*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS POLLY POTTS

-*JOSHUA EDWARDS B.1770-1780 PG.320

Joshua Edwards(1770-1780)

males

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>10 & under 15</u> | <u>20 & under 30</u> | <u>50 & under 60</u> |
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females

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| <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>15 & under 20</u> | <u>50 & under 60</u> |
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*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1840

-*OWEN EDWARDS B.1810-1820 PG.106

Owen Edwards(1810-1820)

males

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|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>under 5</u> | <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>10 & under 15</u> |
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| 2 | 1 | 1 |
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| <u>20 & under 30</u> |
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females

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|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>under 5</u> | <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>30 & under 40</u> |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---|---|---|

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

-*JOSHUA EDWARDS B.1780-1790 PG.107

Joshua Edwards(1780-1790)

males

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>15 & under 20</u> | <u>20 & under 30</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|

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males

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| <u>30 & under 40</u> | <u>50 & under 60</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|

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| 2 | 1 |
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females
20 & under 30 30 & under 40
 2 1

*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1850

1ST. DIVISION PG.80

| | | |
|------------------|-------|----|
| *EDWARDS, JOSHUA | 68YRS | VA |
| DRUCELLA | 37 | TN |
| ELIZABETH | 47 | TN |
| MATILDA | 37 | TN |
| HERALD, MARGARET | 23 | TN |
| ELKANEE E. | 18 | TN |

*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1ST DIVISION PG.229

| | | | |
|----------------|----|--------|----|
| *EDWARDS, OWEN | 43 | FARMER | TN |
| MARY | 17 | | TN |
| JOSEPH | 15 | | TN |
| MARGARET | 13 | | TN |
| ELDRIDGE | 11 | | TN |
| IRESON | 8 | | TN |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

Washington County Tennessee

1830

-*ABEL EDWARDS B.1780-1790 PG.239 EDWARDS 142

Abel Edwards(1780-1790)

males

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>15 & under 20</u> | <u>40 & under 50</u> |
| 2 | 1 | 1 |

females

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>under 5</u> | <u>5 & under 10</u> | <u>10&under15</u> | <u>15&under20</u> |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

females

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>20 & under 30</u> | <u>40 & under 50</u> |
| 3 | 1 |

*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1850

(PG.206 TENN CENSUS INDEX WA-520-275 4TH
 SUBDIVISION E.DIST)

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|------------|----|
| *EDWARDS, SAMUEL E. | 46 | BLACKSMITH | TN |
| MARY | 28 | | " |
| MARY E. | 4 | | " |
| ELIZA A. | 2 | | " |

| | | |
|----------------|-------|------------|
| JOS. P. | 11/12 | " |
| SAML. | 19 | BLACKSMITH |
| THOMPSON, IBBY | 15 | TN |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1850

(PG.150 TENN CENSUS IND WA-103-182 DIST 7 P.O. LONGMIRES)

| | | |
|----------------|----|----|
| *EDWARDS, JOHN | 60 | TN |
| SARAH | 54 | " |
| REBECCA | 25 | " |
| SAMUL A. | 21 | " |
| SARAH D. | 16 | " |
| ZACH T. | 12 | TN |

*SON TO THOMAS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(PG.150 TENN CENSUS IND WA-103-182)

(NOTE:LIVING NEXT TO JOHN EDWARDS 60 YRS
ENUMERATED AFTER JOHN EDWARDS 60 YRS)

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| *EDWARDS, JOHN W. | 22 |
| CATHARINE E. | 22 |
| N.G.T. | 8/12 |

*POSSIBLY SON TO JOHN EDWARDS, SON TO THOMAS EDWARDS,
SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(PG.151 TENN CENSUS IND WA-52-37 BOONES CREEK DIST P.O. JONESBORO TENN)

| | | | |
|------------------|------|----------|----|
| *EDWARDS, SAMUEL | 56 | DOMESTIC | TN |
| MARY | 38 | | " |
| MARY E. | 14 | | " |
| ELIJAH A. | 12 | | " |
| JOSHUA P. | 10 | | " |
| DAVID K. | 8 | | " |
| ABEL W. | 5 | | " |
| JULIA A. | 2 | | " |
| NANCY L. | 9/12 | | TN |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1860

PG.150 TENNESSEE CENSUS INDEX WA-103-182

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| *EDWARDS, JOHN | 60YRS |
| SARAH | 54YRS |
| REBECCA | 25YRS |
| SAMUL A. | 21YRS |
| SARAH D. | 16YRS |
| ZACH T. | 12YRS |

*SON TO THOMAS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTT

1860

PG.150 TENNESSEE CENSUS INDEX WA-103-182

*EDWARDS, JOHN W. 22YRS

CATHARINE E. 22YRS

N.G.T. 8/12YRS

*POSSIBLY SON TO JOHN EDWARDS, SON TO THOMAS EDWARDS,
SON TO ABEL EDWARDS

PG.151 TENNESSEE CENSUS INDEX WA-52-37

*EDWARDS, SAMUEL 56YRS

MARY 38YRS

MARY E. 14YRS

ELIJAH A. 12YRS

JOSHUA P. 10YRS

DAVID K. 8YRS

ABEL W. 5YRS

JULIA A. 2 YRS

NANCY L. 9/12YRS

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTT

PG.151 TENNESSEE CENSUS INDEX WA-111-186

*EDWARDS, THOMAS 29YRS

NAOMA 23YRS

SARAH E. 6YRS

WILLIAM W. 4YRS

HYCLA 1YR (F)

JOBE, SARAH 19YRS

*SON TO JOHN EDWARDS, SON TO THOMAS EDWARDS, SON TO
ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTT

Edgar County Illinois

1850

-DISTRICT 19-30 OCT. PG.209

*OWEN EDWARDS 71 M FARMER

VA

MARTHA 61 F

TN

*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTT

-DISTRICT 19;22 OCT.; PG.195

*WILEY B. JUSTICE OF

EDWARDS 41 M PEACE

TN

MATILDA 37 F

TN

SALINA 20 F

"

JAMES 18 M TEAMSTER

"

ELBERT 13 M

IL

MARGARET A. 9 F

"

ELIZABETH A. 7 F "
SARILDA J. 2 F "
*SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
POTTS

1850

-DIST 19;17 SEP PG.149

JOSHUA EDWARDS 28 M FARMER TN
*SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
POTTS

-DIST 19-20 SEP PG.155A

*JAMES EDWARDS 26 M FARMER TN
MARY 20 F "
ABEL 5 M IL
THOMAS J. 3 M "
*SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
POTTS

-DIST. 19-7 COT.; PAGE 177

*ISAAC EDWARDS 25 M BLACKSMITH TN
MARY J. 17 F OH
#OBADIAH 24 M LABORER TN
*SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
POTTS
#SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
POTTS

-DIST 19-1 OCT; PG.169

*THOMAS A. EDWARDS 17 M LABORER IL
*POSSIBLY SON TO WILLIAM EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS,
SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

-DIST 19-6 SEP; PG.137

SAMUEL
MIDDLETON 62 M KY
CHLOE 62 F KY
CRISTION 24 F IND
*ARCHER EDWARDS 15 M IL
OWEN EDWARDS 13 M "
*ARCHER EDWARDS COULD POSSIBLY BE ARCHIBALD EDWARDS,
SON TO WILLIAM EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO
ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

-DIST 19-5 OCT; PG.175A

*SARAH EDWARDS 34 F \$400 OH
GEORGE W. 14 M IL
JULIA A. 12 F "
JOHN R. 10 M "

ELIZABETH 11 F "
 *WIDOW OF ALTIMUS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO
 ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1850

-DIST 19-15OCT; PG.187

*ETHELBERT

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------|---|--------------|----|
| EDWARDS | 33 | M | BLACKSMITH | TN |
| MARTHA | 23 | F | | IL |
| WILLIAM | 4 | M | EDGAR CO. | " |
| MELISSA | 2 | F | | " |
| MATILDA | 11/12 | F | | " |
| DAVID TEFFIN | 20 | M | BLACKSMITH | KY |
| JOHN W. MARRS | 19 | M | CRAWFORD CO. | IL |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
 POTTS

| | | | | |
|----------------|------|--|--------------|-----|
| NEWMAN RHOADES | 48 | | FARMER | KY |
| *RACHEL | 44 | | | VA |
| RACHEL E. | 16 | | DOMESTIC | ILL |
| THOMAS R. | 15 | | FARM LABORER | ILL |
| GEORGE W. | 13 | | | ILL |
| JESSE N. | 10 | | | ILL |
| JOHN M. | 7 | | | ILL |
| NANCY J. | 5 | | | ILL |
| SYDIA M. | 3 | | | ILL |
| SARAH E. | 5/12 | | | ILL |
| MARY E. SMITH | 13 | | | ILL |

*DAUGHTER TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND
 POLLY POTTS

1860

*ARCHIBALD EDWARDS 24 M STUDENT AT LAW 600 ILL
 *SON TO WILLIAM EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO
 ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

| | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|----------|--------|
| *WILEY B. EDWARDS | 52 | M | FARMER | E TENN |
| MATILDA | 47 | F | | " |
| MARGARET A. | 18 | F | DOMESTIC | ILL |
| ANN E. | 15 | F | DO | " |
| SARILDA J. | 11 | F | | " |
| MARY E. | 4 | F | | " |
| JOHN SMITH | 38 | M | FARM LAB | IND |
| JACOB JORDAN | 36 | M | ENGINEER | |

*SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY
 POTTS

| | | | | |
|--------------------|----|---|--------|-----|
| *ELBERT C. EDWARDS | 24 | M | LAWYER | ILL |
| JANE | 23 | F | | KY |

*SON TO WILEY EDWARDS, SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1860

| | | | |
|--------------------|------|----------------------|----------|
| *ETHELBERT EDWARDS | 42 | MASTER BLACKSMITH | TN IL |
| MARTHA | 34 | | " |
| WILLIAM A. | 13 | | " |
| MELISSA | 12 | | " |
| MATILDA | 9 | | " |
| CEDELIA | 7 | | " |
| ALONZO | 5 F? | | " |
| NANCY E. | 1 | | " |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------|------|
| *JOSHUA EDWARDS | 38 | FARMER | TENN |
| ELIZABETH | 36 | | TENN |
| DELILA | 13F | | ILL |
| MARY | 9 | | " |
| OWEN | 7 | | " |
| JOHN | 5 | | " |
| FRANCIS M. | 3 | | " |

*SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----|
| *GEORGE W. EDWARDS | 23 | FARMER | IL |
| CATHERINE | 22 | | " |
| JOHN EDWARDS | 18 | FARM LABORER | " |
| SARAH EDWARDS | 45 | | OH |

*SON TO ALTOMOS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

1870

| | | | |
|---------------------|------|---------------|-----|
| *EDWARDS, GEORGE W. | 33 | FARMER | ILL |
| CATHERINE | 33 | KEEPING HOUSE | IND |
| JULIA A. | 7 | | ILL |
| IDA M. | 2 | | ILL |
| EUCILY A. | 9/12 | BORN SEPT | ILL |
| LEIST, JONAS | 20M | FARM LABORER | OH |

*SON TO ALTOMOS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|---------------|-----|
| *EDWARDS, JOHN R. | 29 | FARMER | ILL |
| CATHERINE | 26 | KEEPING HOUSE | OH |
| CHARLES E. | 3 | | ILL |
| NETTA | 5/12 | BORN DECEMBER | " |
| LIEST, FRANKLIN | 13 | | " |
| EDWARDS, SARAH | 53 | | OH |

*SON TO ALTOMOS EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS, SON TO
ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| *EDWARDS, MARTHA | 45 | KEEPING HOUSE | ILL |
| SIDELIA | 15F | | " |
| ALONZO | 13M | | " |
| ELMER | 8 | | " |
| GEORGE B. | 6 | | " |

*WIFE TO ETHELBERT EDWARDS, SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON
TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

Logan County Illinois

1850

| | | |
|----------------|------|------|
| JOHN EDWARDS | 78M | VA |
| LUCINDA | 71 F | VA |
| HENRY WHITE | 11 M | IL |
| POLLY BARNETT | 53 F | TENN |
| ALMA (BARNET?) | 16 F | IL |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------|----|
| *HIRAM EDWARDS | 41 M | TN |
| SARAH A. | 35 F | KY |
| JOSEPH | 15 M | KY |
| SARAH A. | 14 F | KY |
| LOUISA | 12 F | KY |
| MATILDA A. | 10 F | KY |
| MARY JANE | 8 F | KY |
| JOHN W. | 6 M | KY |
| EMILY | 4 F | KY |
| GEORGE W. | 6/12 M | KY |
| WILLIAM SUTTON | 17 M | KY |
| *(SON TO JOHN AND LUCY SAMS) | | |

Appanoose County Iowa

1860

ORLEANS/WASHINGTON TWP

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---------|------|
| *W.S.E. EDWARDS | 30M | TEACHER | TENN |
| MARY E. | 26F | | VA |
| SARAH A. | 4F | | IA |
| J.P. (J.F.?) | 1M | | " |

*SON TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO
ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

ORLEANS/WASHINGTON TWP

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----------|------|
| PHILANDER REEDER | 28M | PHYSICIAN | OHIO |
| *MARY M. | 26F | | TENN |
| FLORA B. | 2F | | IA |
| LAURA A. | 1F | | IA |

*DAUGHTER TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON
TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

Davis County Iowa

1850

-MARION TWP

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|------|
| WILLIAM EDWARDS | 35M | FARMER | 500 | TENN |
| CATHERINE | 15F | | | DV |
| JAMES | 14M | | | " |
| LOVINA | 13F | | | " |
| WILLIAM | 12M | | | " |
| ELIZABETH | 10F | | | " |
| ELIJAH | 9M | | | " |
| JOSEPH A. | 1M | | | " |
| MARGARET | 19F | | | VA |

*William is son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-MARION TWP

| | | | | |
|--------------|-----|--|--|------|
| ABEL EDWARDS | 40M | | | TENN |
| ELENOIR | 28F | | | DV |

*Abel son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-MARION TWP

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|--|--|----|
| ISAAC EDWARDS | 25M | | | DV |
| ALLEY | 22F | | | DV |
| ELIZABETH | 2F | | | DV |
| JOSHUA JOHNSON | 33M | | | DV |
| JAMES A. | 8M | | | DV |

*Isaac son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-SOAP CRK. TWP.

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|------------|--|------|
| ARTHUR EDWARDS | 63M | CHAIRMAKER | | TENN |
| FREELove | 62F | | | VA |
| ELIZABETH | 17F | | | TENN |

*Arthur Edwards son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-FOX TWP.

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|--|--|------|
| JOSHUA EDWARDS | 42M | | | TENN |
| SARAH | 42F | | | VA |
| ELIZA | 20F | | | TENN |
| ELIZABETH | 16F | | | DV |
| MARTHA | 15F | | | DV |
| ARTHUR | 13M | | | DV |
| MARY | 12F | | | DV |
| MALINDA | 5F | | | DV |

*Joshua Edwards son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

1850

-BLOOMFIELD TWP

ABEL EDWARDS 28M MILL WRIGHT TENN

ELIZA J. 17F IA

*Abel Edwards son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-BLOOMFIELD TWP

ANDERSON EDWARDS 18M FARMER TENN

ARMINA 23F DO

*Anderson son to John, son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

1860

-BLOOMFIELD TWP

THOMAS EDWARDS 33M CABINET MAKER DV

SARAH 31F DV

SAMUEL 12M "

ISAAC 10M "

ARTHUR 9M "

HENRY 8M "

CATHERINE 4F "

OWEN 1M DV

*Thomas son to Arthur Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-FOX RIVER TWP

*OWEN EDWARDS 59M FARMER 387 TENN

MARGARET 21F "

IRESON 19M TENN

*Owen son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

1870

-SOAP CK TWP

WHEELER, FREDRICK 43M NEW YORK

*MARGARET 33F TENN

ELDRIDGE 5M IA

PHILANDER 3M IA

SUCY/LUCY A.? 1F IA

EDWARDS, OWEN 23M TENN

*Margaret daughter to Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-FOX RIVER TOWNSHIP

*EDWARDS, WILLIAM S. 40 TENN

MARY E. 39 VIRG

AMANDA 15 IOWA

| | | |
|-------|----|------|
| JAMES | 12 | IOWA |
| IDA | 7 | IOWA |
| EMMIL | 7 | IOWA |

*William Edwards son to Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

1880

-SOAP CRK TWP.

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------|
| COLISON, THOMAS | 29 | ENG. |
| *MARGARET S. | 43 KEEP HOUSE | TN |
| WHEELER, ELDRIDGE | 15 | TN |
| FERNANDO E. | 12 | TN |
| MARY E. | 8 | TN |

*Margaret daughter to Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

-FOX RIVER TOWNSHIP - Refer to Pg. 32.

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------|
| *EDWARDS, WILLIAM S. | 51 | TENN |
| SARAH A. | 25 | IOWA |
| JAMES P. | 21 | IOWA |
| IDA M. | 16 | IOWA |
| EMMIL S.E. | 16 | IOWA |
| MARY S. | 5 GRANDCHILD | IOWA |

*William Edwards son to Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts

VII. GENEALOGICAL TRIPS

In many different ways I have found fulfillment in doing my research. In six years of pursuing our heritage through many hours of research and much invested money from myself and others, I think the most enjoyable part of all was being able to take my trips to different parts of the country in search of the descendants of Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

All of the trips that I have been on have been done to research my direct ancestors, but from many overlapping sources I have found that other related families can be found buried, and in many cases can be found to have lived near my direct ancestors and their families.

I have been on a total of four different genealogical trips since I started researching the Edwards name. The first two trips were done in pursuit of my grandfather James Dale Edwards and his father James Philando Edwards. This took me to Colorado and California. These two trips were not so much of a researching trip but just trying to trace my grandfather and great grandfathers foot steps and photograph a few gravestones. Also very importantly I was able to meet some very distant cousins.

POLLY EDWARDS SPRING

On December 4-6, 1992 I visited with Polly Edwards Spring and her husband John. Polly Spring is the daughter of Charles S. Edwards, son to my great grandfather James Philando Edwards.

This was my first trip in researching my ancestry, and what I learned from this trip was actually the foundation of my future research to come.

Polly and John Spring took me in as part of the family and shared with me all they knew of the Edwards family. Polly was ultimately responsible in starting my research by sharing addresses of fellow distant cousins which in turn had addresses of family members and related family information which helped me in my pursuit of the Edwards History.

It was because of Polly's referral to her cousin Rae Edwards Miller that I came to locate my great

grandfather James Philando Edwards picture of him and his wife Flora Belle Breeding, and in the end the priceless pictures of my 2nd great grandfather and grandmother Edwards, William S. Edwards and Mary Willet.

Thank you Polly and John.

W. LLOYD SMITH

On April 24, 1993 I visited Mr. W. Lloyd Smith who lives in Canon City Colorado which was where my grandfather James Dale Edwards married my grandmother Sally Barneycastle, and where my father Johnny Leroy Edwards was born.

Upon My fathers death in 1993 I decided that I wanted to travel to where he was born which was Canon City Colorado. From my trip to see Polly and John Spring in California in 1992 I recieved W. Lloyd Smith's address and his relation to the Edwards family.

W. Lloyd Smith was the husband to Audrey Bessie Munhollon. Audrey Bessie Munhollon Smith was the daughter of Edna Blanche Edwards Munhollon who was the daughter of James Philando Edwards, which was my great grandfather.

What W. Lloyd Smith was so kind to share with me was very beneficial to my direct Edwards ancestral line.

W. Lloyd Smith had numerous pictures, letters, and historical information that he was so kind to share with me. The most influential piece of historical significance was the pictures of my 2nd great grandfather William Samuel Edwards(W.S.E. Edwards) and his wife Mary Willet Edwards.

Thank you W. Lloyd Smith.

DAVIS COUNTY IOWA

My trip to Davis County Iowa in April 1995 was the start of the indepth research on the Edwards family. What I mean by indepth research was that it was this trip that I decided to pursue not just my direct ancestors but follow all leads to other Edwards related families and their histories. This decision of mine to follow all leads started a chain of events that now I am glad happened but at the time I was overwhelmed at all of the participation from Edwards related families, and all of their submissions.

My trip to Iowa was the most enjoyable out of all of my trips. I was lucky enough to bring my wife and

my two little girls. My daughters were pretty young at this time but my oldest was just the right age to hopefully remember the trip.

Only two known families that descended from Abel Edwards and Polly Potts migrated to Iowa from Tennessee during the mid-1850's.

The first family that came to Iowa was Arthur Edwards and his family. Arthur Edwards being the last son born to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts.

The second family that followed Arthur Edwards and Freeloove Clouse to Iowa was two children of Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. Joshua Edwards two sons Owen born 1806 and Abel born 1809 migrated from Tennessee to Iowa and both died and were buried there in Davis County Iowa. My 3rd great grandfather Owen Edwards born 1806 and his descendants lived there in and around Davis County Iowa until 1943.

Once arriving in Davis Co. Iowa I commenced photographing gravestones of ancestors and performed research in the records department of the Davis County Library. I traveled to Appanoose County Iowa west of Davis county to view the graves of my 2nd great grandfather William S. (W.S.E) Edwards and wife Mary Willet Edwards. I Also traveled to numerous other cemeteries which my great grandmother Flora Belle Breeding Edwards related ancestors are buried.

In 1994 I came across some old pictures of the homes of my great grandfather James Philando Edwards, and his aunt Magaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson. I decided before I left for Iowa that I would try to find these homes not at all expecting to find them. All that I had to go on was the old pictures that I had in hand and the information which was found on these families in census form. This put these families in Soap Creek Township, Davis County Iowa. By using a plat map of the county I found the two previously mentioned homes with the help of my beautiful wife Colleen.(refer to pg.155-167)

It was Easter morning around 10 a.m. when my wife and I finally decided that the home that we were looking at was the old Edwards home of my great grandfather James P. Edwards. At the time I couldn't locate the home of Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson which I will get into later. Once I got up enough nerve to go up to the old home I met Mr. and Mrs. Howk. The Howk's gave us a very nice tour of the interior and exterior portion of the home. While Mrs. Howk and my family were inside of the old home I went outside and walked where my great grandfather once walked and

worked the land.(refer to pg.95)

The next day I was still trying to find the home of Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson. We drove around all over Soap Creek Township and we couldn't find the home that was once called the "Ginger Bread House" because of all of the exterior wood decorations on the outside of the home. Frustrated and tired we went back to the motel and I made a phone call to Lloyd Wheeler who owns and once lived in the old Wheeler home. I shared with him my frustration of not being able to find the Wheeler home and I asked him if it was still standing. He laughed and told me that the home is right across the road from my great grandfathers home which is currently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howk. We jumped in the car and went straight there and I walked the land again that my ancestors walked.

I spent close to two hours wondering the land between the two homes before leaving. I was feeling very nostalgic while walking the land that my family once lived, worked, and died. The very land that my grandfather James Dale Edwards played as a child. I walked around the large and very old trees surrounding the Wheeler home where my grandfather played games and where my family picknicked on hot summer days.

The home of Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson was probably the center point for get togethers of the Edwards families. One can only imagine what went on around this home, and who visited the Wheeler's.

Between the two homes of my great grandfather James Philando Edwards and his aunt Margaret Edwards Wheeler Collinson I have no proof of who visited these homes but I am willing to make an educated guess that James P. Edwards father William S. Edwards, and his father Owen Edwards walked this land also, which made the thought of walking this land even more exciting for me.

Before I left the land of my fore-fathers I gave it all a look, walked the land once again, touched the land that my ancestors worked so hard to cultivate, and bid it all a saddened farewell.

I was amazed at how many old homes were still standing on what was once very fertile land. These old homes were very old and ran down. I personally wondered if any of these old homes were ever owned by any Edwards families.

My stay here in Davis County was only two days but I feel I accomplished quite allot. Much of what encompasses this book was from this trip to Davis County Iowa and surrounding counties.

SULLIVAN COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

I took my trip to Tennessee on October 2-4, 1995. This whole trip was a very differant experiance. My itinerary was very full for this trip with so much that I decided that I was going to accomplish before heading back home.

A few months before taking my trip to Sullivan County I purchased a History book of Sullivan County and found related families mentioned within the pages which stated some of the cemeteries which they were buried. In any given county there can be many cemeteries and with only a couple days to do a weeks worth of research I started viewing these cemeteries for related families right away. Before arriving to these cemeteries I knew that there would be at least a few related families buried there but that ended up being an understatement. Once I arrived in Sullivan County Tennessee I started right away with going to all cemeteries which I felt had Edwards related families buried there.

One of the most interesting cemeteries that I traveled to was the Buffalo Ridge cemetery in Washington County Tennessee. The family of Samuel E. Edwards, grandson to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts is buried here in a cement enclosed area. There is some speculation that Abel Edwards and Polly Potts might be buried here, I actually believe this to be less probable than Weaver Cemetery located in Sullivan County Tennessee.

At 2 p.m. on October 2nd I had an appointment to meet Pastor Cruz at the Holston Baptist Church north east from Bluff City Tennessee. The Holston Baptist Church was pastored by my 4th great grandfather Joshua Edwards, son to Abel Edwards and Polly Potts. Prior to my trip to Tennessee I contacted the church and arranged to view the old church minutes. While viewing the church minutes I found the epitaph of Joshua Edwards that was written upon his death in 1859. The entry stated that he was buried in the Weaver Cemetery.

I went to the Weaver Cemetery and was disapointed but not surprised to find almost all of the gravestones in the old portion of the cemetery were not readable. I didn't find Joshua Edwards gravestone, but I feel I know the area which he was buried. Buried in the area which I believe Joshua Edwards to be buried I found the before unknown gravestone of my 3rd great grandmother Amanda M. Longacre Edwards who was married to my 3rd great grandfather Owen Edwards, son to Joshua Edwards.

I was pleased to find this gravestone and was surprised to find out that the cemetery records didn't mention her at all as being buried there. I shared this information with the Sullivan County Library.

On my last day in Tennessee I drove to Carter County Tennessee to view the oldest church in Tennessee, Sinking Creek Church. I came across the old church minutes for this church which has an Abel Edwards and Polly Edwards mentioned in an 1802 entry.

I went back to Sullivan County after visiting the Sinking Creek Church. I spent the rest of the morning walking in the morning drizzle around the main street of Blountvill Tennessee. I walked past the homes that housed the women and children during the little known Battle of Blountville during the Civil War. I drove down to the Holston Baptist Church and walked down to the beautiful Holston River below the church, wondering if I was standing in the same place where my 4th great grandfather Joshua Edwards performed baptism's for his parish. From the Holston River I drove to Bluff City Tennessee which was actually closer to the area where Edwards families lived instead of Blountville where most family histories put our ancestors. Both towns of Blountville and Bluff City are very small and to the eye of a passer by these two towns wouldn't be very interesting.

In reflection of my trip to Tennessee my respect for my ancestors has grown immensely.

I would highly recommend to all the descendants of Abel Edwards to take the trip and see what I have seen.

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CHURCH, BLUFF CITY, SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE
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AUTHOR:MARY EDWARDS LITTLE

ANOTHER TRIP

After visiting Tennessee there aren't to many other trips that I would like to take in search of our ancestors.

I would like to very much take a trip to Franklin County Virginia to see the area which Abel Edwards and Polly Potts started from prior to arriving in Tennessee, but that will have to wait for awhile. We do know in what general area Abel Edwards and family lived during this time in Virginia. There is nothing that I can do there that I can't do through normal researching channels. The trip to Virginia would be primarily a sight seeing trip with a drop of nostalgia.

Of course I would like to go to Wales England some day but I won't do that for a long time. I would want to find out for sure if our ancestors came from Wales like folk lore and family histories state, until that time I won't even consider the trip.

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E.M. TILSON WAS BORNED 1888/4
JAN THE 21

: F.B TILSON WAS BORN 1886 APRIL
: THE 13

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MARRIAGES

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ABEL EDWARDS WAS MARRIED TO
POLLY POTS JANUARY 24TH 1764

: THOMAS EDWARDS & BETSY ERVIN WAS MARRIED

FROM WHOM WAS BORN:

: FROM WHOM WAS BORN

1. JOHN EDWARDS JULY 12, 1772
2. THOMAS EDWARDS SEPT 23, 1774
3. NANCY EDWARDS JAN 25, 1777
4. OWEN EDWARDS JAN 23, 1779
5. JOSHUA EDWARDS AUG 11, 1781
6. ABEL EDWARDS SEPT 17, 1786

: 1799
: JOHN EDWARDS WAS BORN APRIL 22
: ABEL EDWARDS WAS BORN APRIL THE 10TH 1801

: *****
: * ILLEGIBLE WRITING IN THIS AREA *
: *****

JOHN EDWARDS & LUCY SAMS WAS MARRIED
FROM WHOM WAS BORN

: JOSHUA EDWARDS WAS BORN MARCH THE 1838

MARY EDWARDS WAS BORN THE 5TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 1797

ELIZABETH EDWARDS WAS BORN
THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1799
WILSON EDWARDS WAS BORN 7TH DAY
OF AUGUST 1801

: NANCY EDWARDS & LITTLEBERRY SAMS WAS MARRIED

CATY EDWARDS WAS BORN 16TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 1803

: FROM WHOM WAS BORN

NANCY EDWARDS WAS BORN
MARCH ?? 1806

: ORRA SAMS WAS BORN JUNE 9 1798

PATTY EDWARDS WAS BORN
AUGUST 28 1808

: *****
: * ILLEGIBLE HANDWRITING IN THIS AREA *
: *****

HIRAM EDWARDS ?????? BORN
NOV 9 18??

: LUCINDA EDWARDS WAS BORN DEC ??, ????

JULY 28

: STACY EDWARDS WAS BORN MAY 21 181?

: AMY EDWARDS WAS BORN DEC 7 1818

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BIRTHS

OWEN EDWARDS & MARTHA SAMS WAS MARRIED

FROM WHOM WAS BORN

WILEY EDWARDS WAS BORN DEC 8 1807
ARTHUR EDWARDS WAS BORN SEPT 27 1811
JULIA EDWARDS WAS BORN AUG 23 1813
JOHN EDWARDS BORN JAN 19 1816
WASHINGTON EDWARDS MAY 26 1818
JOSHUA EDWARDS BORN APR 1 1822

A. TILSON WAS BORN IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD JANUARY THE 13 1819

BIRTHS

ABEL EDWARDS & ELIZABETH HAMTON WAS MARRIED

SEPT 18 1804

FROM WHOM WAS BORN

POLLY EDWARDS WAS BORN AUG 15 1805
WILLIAM EDWARDS BORN OCT 7 1806
CYNTHIA EDWARDS BORN AUG 13 1808
ELIZA EDWARDS WAS BORN MAR 21 1810
ARTIMACIA EDWARDS BORN OCT 27 1811
ALTOMOS BORN JUNE 19 1813
RACHEL EDWARDS JAN 3 1815

PHEMY/PHENNY EDWARDS BORN
APRIL 3 1824

JOSHUA EDWARDS & NANCY ERVIN WAS MARRIED
SEPTEMBER 30 1809

FROM WHOM WAS BORN

SAMUEL EDWARDS WAS BORN NOV 22 1803
OWEN EDWARDS WAS BORN NOV 5 1806
ABEL EDWARDS WAS BORN MAY 18 1809
POLLY EDWARDS WAS BORN JUNE 11 1811
MATILDA EDWARDS WAS BORN OCT 7 1813
ETHELBERT EDWARDS WAS BORN AUG 2 1817
ELDRIDGE EDWARDS WAS BORN NOV 11 1819

JOSHUA EDWARDS WAS MARRIED TO DRUCILLA
DULANY DECEMBER 9TH 1838

ARTHUR EDWARDS & FREELOVE CLOUSE WAS MARRIED
FEB 26 1807

FROM WHOM WAS BORN

JOSHUA EDWARDS WAS BORN APR 30 1808
OWEN EDWARDS WAS BORN NOV 26 1809
JOHN EDWARDS WAS BORN FEB 7 1812
WILLIAM EDWARDS WAS BORN JAN 30 1814
THOMAS EDWARDS WAS BORN FEB 22 1816
KATEY EDWARDS WAS BORN FEB 26 1817
POLLY EDWARDS WAS BORN AUG 21 1819
ABEL EDWARDS WAS BORN 1821
ISAAC EDWARDS WAS BORN MAY 28 1827

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BIRTHS

JAMES HENRY TILSON WAS BORN APRIL
1848 YEAR ONE SCRATCHED OUT

REBECA P. TILSON WAS BORN YEAR OF
18 NOVEMBER DO
*ABOVE AREA SCRATCHED OUT

ABLE E. TILSON WAS BORN DECEMBER
THE 20 YEAR 1850

THOMAS JEFFISON TILSON WAS BORN MAY
THE 19 d YEAR 1856

?ARTHA ELIZABETH TILSON WAS BORN
JULY 18 1858

ALLEY M. TILSON WAS BORN APRIL
THE 14 1861

DEATHS

* THIS AREA VERY FADED *
* & *
* ILLEGIBLE *
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ABEL EDWARDS DEPARTED THIS LIFE OCTOBER THE
6TH AGED ??
6?

ABEL EDWARDS DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH
1859 AGED 58

WILLIAM E. EDWARDS WAS BORN MAY THE 30TH
1863

SAMUEL E. TILSON WAS BORN FEBUARY THE 8 1866

???????? H. TILSON ?????????? YEAR 1869

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DEATHS

A.E. TILSON AND AMANDA EDWARDS
WAS MARRIED IN THE 1876

J.N. ANDERSON WAS BORN BORN JULY
THE 19 1869

MARTA C. TILSON WAS IN YEAR OF OUR
LORD 7 OF JAN 1878

ARSULA TILSON WAS BORN IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD OCTOBER 1879

REBECA LOMINA TILSON WAS BORN
JANUARY THE 5TH 1881

DEATHS

ALLY LEE TILSON WAS BORN M AUG
THE 6TH

DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 7TH OF
OCT 1869

DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST THE 1 18??

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JANUARY TH 18TH 1827

NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

(LINE #18)

18 JOSHUA EDWARDS

(LINE #20)

20 NANCY EDWARDS

*THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUALS ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE. JOSHUA EDWARDS IS THE SON OF ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS.

PG. 2

AFTER 1837

NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

(LINE #24)

SAMUEL EDWARDS-SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #25)

ABEL EDWARDS-SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #26)

(ELDRIDGE EDWARDS)-SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #27)

MATILDA EDWARDS-DAUGHTER TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #28)

OWEN EDWARDS-SON TO JOSHUA EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #29)

MARY EDWARDS-DAUGHTER TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

(LINE #30)

MARGARET EDWARDS-DAUGHTER TO OWEN EDWARDS, SON TO ABEL EDWARDS AND POLLY POTTS

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NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

(LINE #28)

ARTHUR EDWARDS

*UNSURE WHICH ARTHUR THIS IS AT THE TIME OF PUBLISHING OF THIS BOOK

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NAMES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

(LINE #32)

ABELL EDWARDS

*THIS AUTHOR BELIEVES THAT THIS COULD BE THE ABEL EDWARDS WHO MARRIED POLLY POTTS AND ALSO THE PROGENITOR OF THIS EDWARDS FAMILY.
